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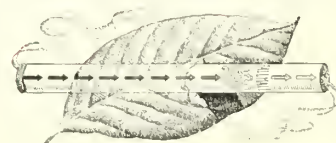
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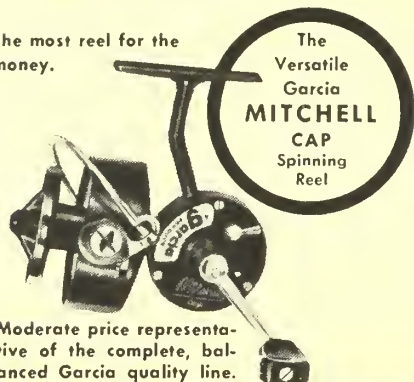
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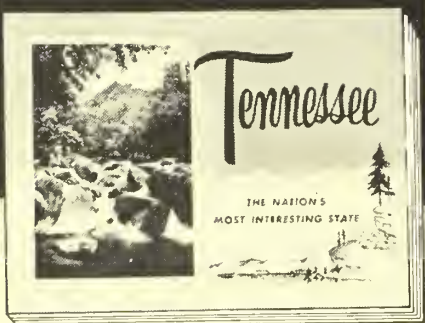
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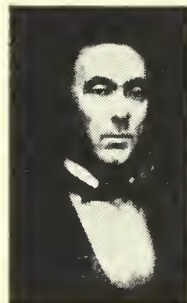
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Picture of John Wise from AMERICAN HERITAGE

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FOREIGN PRISONS FOR GI's

Sir: Until reading Congressman Frank T. Bow's "We Learned About Jap Prisons from the Inside," I was strongly compelled to feel that The American Legion was being somewhat passive about those nefarious scraps of parchment commonly known as the Status of Forces Agreements. As you probably know, these agreements are championed by the exponents of the liberal left, inasmuch as these vicious, unconstitutional agreements are intimately tied up with the concept of One Worldism and the Big Brother Era of 1984. I sincerely hope that through the efforts of such patriots as Congressman Bow, Dean Clarence Manion, Senator Jenner, *et al.*, the American people will finally recognize the extreme dangers and injustices of these agreements and demand their revocation forthwith. I might add that I am most grateful that The American Legion passed a resolution against this dastardly scheme at the 1956 National Convention.

Robert W. Van de Walle
Culver City, Calif.

Sir: The article about foreign prisons not being for our GI's should concern every GI who served on foreign soil. I believe The American Legion mandate adopted at the Los Angeles Convention should be strictly adhered to. Constitutional rights should be given back to every GI as in World War II. The NATO Status of Forces Agreement should be abolished as soon as possible. Also, the names of the 19 members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee who voted against reporting H.J. Res. 309, should be published in the next issue of *The American Legion Magazine* for any coming elections.

Jack Holmes
McKees Rocks, Pa.

NOTHING FOR THE BIRDS

Sir: The Army recently announced that the last of its thousands of message-carrying pigeons would be of-

fered for sale. Among them are 18 pigeons which gained fame by saving lives. The Signal Corps hopes these will find special homes in zoos. Is the U.S. Army getting so poor that it can't keep a few pigeons, for the very few years they have to live? In the same paper that told of the pigeons was a story that the U.S. was giving a "Huge Fund to Britain." It is well and good to help other countries, but I say let's have some of the help here at home first.

Russell E. Culp
Kansas City, Kans.

HOW TO...

Sir: I am a member of the best little Post in the Legion, Oliver Ashton Post 343, Northbridge, Mass. We are in a drive for new members and are doing fine because we are going from house to house to get them. I have proven to my Post that new members are right at our door. A great many boys to whom I have talked were surprised at what The American Legion means to them and their families. A great many did not know the real work we are doing. Some even told me that they had not been asked to join. If we are to increase our membership we must get out and be a "blabbermouth." When it comes to the Legion I can be the biggest "blabbermouth" in my home town.

Joseph A. Moussette
Northbridge, Mass.

ENCOURAGEMENT

Sir: Thank you for publishing my letter about our son missing in Korea. We have heard from Legion members from all parts of the U.S.A. and from one soldier in Germany. The soldier in Germany was in prison with our son in North Korea in June, 1953. This is the first word we have had from a prisoner who actually saw him and talked with him in prison. This is very encouraging to us as we have never given up hope of seeing him again. If the communists have not killed him since then, he must be held somewhere. If there are others who may have seen our son we'd appreciate hearing from them.

R. H. Shaddick
Coral Gables, Fla.

LOVE RUSSIA

Sir: As a veteran of WWII, and a spectator at the compulsory films we had to attend then, namely *Why We Fighr*, I often wonder who edited them. Looking back, never did I see anything that had more "love Russia," than those films put out by the War Department. However, that seemed to be the style in those days.

L. Carter
Arlington, Mass.

ADVICE IGNORED

Sir: In your Newsletter and in all the

current newspapers the theme "what should we do, what should we have done" is of course paramount. But ringing in my ears is a speech I heard delivered by Herbert Hoover in 1941 in which he begged with all his heart for the President and Congress to allow Stalin and Hitler to expend themselves on each other. And he foretold our present trouble with Russia, exactly as it is, if we insisted on building her up to a first-class power. I had thought he was one of those "isolationists," but he was a true patriot, and is today.

Philip F. Deaver, M.D.
Tuscola, Ill.

WANT MATCH COVERS?

Sir: I have been saving match covers for some time and have nearly a bushel basketful from all parts of the country. I do not intend to save them any longer; so I thought I would like to give them to some veteran who is making a collection of them.

J. Y. Weber
Falls Church, Va.

DISSENT

Sir: I am writing you in regard to an article "So You Want to Write a Song," by George H. Waltz Jr., which appeared in your January issue. I do not like the insinuation that every music composer and arranger who charges a fee for his services is to be considered a crook. I compose and arrange music as a part-time profession, but I do not claim to make anyone a million dollars or to have their songs published or printed. For my services I charge a reasonable fee. I do, however, agree with Mr. Waltz to the extent that misleading advertising by song sharks makes it look as though all music composers who charge a fee for their services are in the crooked category.

Donald R. Olby
Milwaukee, Wis.

THANKS

Sir: The boys at the Veterans Hospitals throughout the U.S. certainly appreciate the beautiful Christmas presents they receive each year from The American Legion. I think I am speaking for the entire VA patients group when I say thank you so much for the beautiful gifts. Boys here each received this year a beautiful pen and pencil set and a warm woolen cap. May God bless you well.

John G. Leon
North Chicago, Ill.

PROTESTS PEIPER RELEASE

Sir: I want to add my protest to the many you must receive at the release of the notorious murderer of our soldiers in the Malmedy Massacre in 1944, nazi Col. Joachim Peiper. He should have been hanged with other
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EDITOR'S CORNER

POLITICAL DIVERSION

FOR EIGHT years the taxpayers of New York State have been digging down deep to pay for a bonus for veterans of World War II. They've been paying an extra 10 percent on their State Income Tax, which in the Empire State is considerable, and they've also been paying an extra penny tax on every pack of cigarettes they've smoked.

Unfortunately, much of this money isn't going to veterans. A recent article in the *New York World Telegram and Sun* pointed out that almost a third of the taxes obtained under the pretense of helping veterans has been diverted to other purposes. And the diversion is being increased rapidly because the payments to vets are down to a trickle. As an indication of where the veterans' bonus money is going, a Department of Audit and Control report shows that as of the end of October a \$153,900,000 "surplus" had been diverted to other things.

While the State's record budget requires all the tax millions it can get, it's hardly fair to continue to collect money from taxpayers under the subterfuge that it's going to help deserving veterans.

PERSECUTEES

MILLIONS of words have been written—at so much a word—proving beyond peradventure that fascist beasts and superpatriots have persecuted and hounded a lot of fine people just because these fine people don't hate communism.

Still, even though many renowned authors promote this propaganda, the phoniness of their cries of persecution is evident to anyone who reads the papers.

Look what happened the week before Christmas. In the papers we read big announcements proclaiming that Hallmark, a manufacturer of greeting cards, was splurging on a big TV production of Lillian Hellman's *The Little Foxes*. This depressing play about a vicious, hateful family seemed an odd choice for a holiday honoring the Holy Family, and there were many who wondered why Hallmark was willing to sponsor a Hellman creation. Lillian Hellman has had quite a record of commie front affiliations, but obviously that doesn't seem to keep her from making a handsome living. In fact, when her play about nasty people was on the airwaves she was taking in quite a few additional American dollars with a new theatrical offering, *Candide*, writ-



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ten by Hellman with an assist from Voltaire.

Another Broadway opening, *Good Woman of Setzuan*, starred two more noteworthy characters, Uta Hagen and Zero Mostel, both of whom have compiled lengthy records as joiners of organizations officially cited as communist fronts. Incidentally, their vehicle, glorifying a prostitute, was written by Bertolt Brecht, winner of a Stalin Peace Prize.

In the field of motion pictures, the holy Christmas season was ushered in with a grand opening in New York of an opus called *Baby Doll*, described by *Time* as "just possibly the dirtiest American-made motion picture that has ever been legally exhibited." Other reviewers discussed its degeneracy, depravity, and bad taste; and responsible film leaders deplored its release by Warner Brothers. By some sort of coincidence, or happenstance, the producer, Elia Kazan, used to be a communist. Despite all this, the lavish opening of the smutty film was graced by a number of distinguished personalities, presumably parading their liberalism, including several clergymen.

Turning to literature, one of the season's offerings was another book of poems compiled by Louis Untermeyer, whose collections of other peoples' poetry have made a lot of money for him over the years. In addition to collecting poems to sell, Louis has also collected a lengthy record of commie front affiliations, but this doesn't hurt the sale of Untermeyer anthologies.

Soon Alger Hiss will join the literati with a book which Knopf is graciously publishing. Both Knopf and Hiss should make a pile of money on this venture, and they'll be aided by Alger's many friends who will buy and boost the book to a fare-thee-well. And, the theater and related media being what they are, we may expect to find Alger's "I wuz robbed" bleat being turned into a Broadway production, a film epic, and a TV spectacular—with sponsors waiting in line.

IT'S ONLY YOUR MONEY

SINCE WE'LL soon be making out our income tax returns, we were exceedingly interested in a proposal recently advanced by Americans for Democratic Action, a leftwing outfit which attempts to manipulate politics by manipulating impressionable politicians.

This time the ADA "experts" have cooked up an eight-point program which they'd like to see Congress adopt. Most of it is the usual ADA stuff, but probably the most revealing point concerns foreign aid. Our handouts to foreign countries, the ADA'ers say, should be administered on the ability of the recipient country to use the money we give them, *not on U.S. budgetary considerations*.

Certainly no one can ever accuse the ADA of being America Firsters, and their generosity with your money is of a high order indeed. But most regrettable is the fact that their proposals to give away this country's substance to their friends overseas can usually find sympathetic listeners among certain officials.



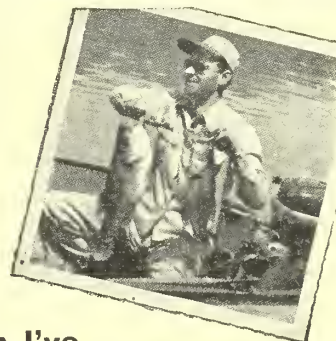
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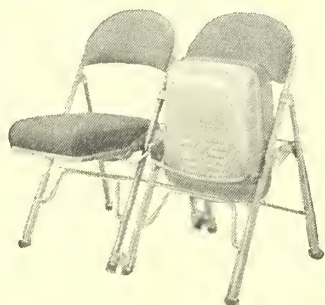


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Information that will help you with your everyday problems.

If you're dreaming of building or buying a house this year, you're in luck so far as materials are concerned. They're in good supply. Money isn't.

Nevertheless, plenty of new homes will go up, and they will be bigger and better dwellings. Here's why:

1. **Family size is increasing.** That means a demand for roomier houses—usually with **three bedrooms and at least 1½ baths**. Even if you don't need a house that size right now, it may be wise to build big enough to insure future resale value.

2. **More and more Americans are thinking of their home as an investment**—not just a cheap shelter. With our huge growth in population, a house has lasting value—even profit possibilities.

The kind of dwelling most commonly built these days has about **1,300 sq. ft. of floor area and costs \$15,000**. Merritt & Harris, New York consultants, say that the way to calculate costs is \$12 to \$15 per sq. ft. of livable space (this does not include basement, baths, or other space not regularly occupied). If you want to figure still more exactly, use 60¢ to 80¢ per cu. ft.

On the other hand, if you're adding to an existing house, the costs cited above are apt to be too low. That's because the job is smaller, and usually involves some demolition work to begin with.

If the fuss of starting your project rattles you a little, here's a **basic checklist** compiled by Eugene M. Mortlock, president of the First Federal Savings & Loan Assn. of New York:

1. **Don't select a screwball design;** it spoils resale value.
2. Arrange the house on the lot for **maximum sun and air**.
3. **Grade the plot away from the house** for good drainage.
4. **Check utility, street, and sidewalk conditions** before you build—if they're poor, improvements later may hike taxes.
5. Your house should have **expansion possibilities**.
6. **Don't cut up the wall space**—you'll regret it.
7. **Insist on enough electric outlets, closets, and a roomy kitchen** (today's families can't be fed out of a cubby hole).

Your wife will have plenty to say about the house, and this is what she most likely has her heart set on (according to a government survey last year): a single-story structure with eight-foot ceilings; a rear entrance, preferably with a half-bath; a front foyer; three bedrooms; and a special laundry-utility room.

. . . .

What makes mortgage money so hard to get when the U. S. is so prosperous? In a nutshell: **The Government** indirectly is squeezing down on bank loans (this is to prevent inflation); meanwhile **industry** needs huge amounts of money to build new steel mills, refineries, utilities, chemical plants—and is willing to pay high interest rates to get it.

. . . .

Note the ring-around-the-rosy that's going on in the retail business these days—with the consumer a happy bystander:

The discount (cutrate) houses have been going great guns, accounting for about a **third of all appliance sales** (over half of refrigerator and stove sales). Meantime, though, the older retailers are cutting to discount-house levels or even below to win back sales.

Result: **Appliances, by and large, have been available as bargains** for quite some time.

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With more and more feature films (originally made for the movies) flooding television, **how can you tell whether they're fit for you and your kids to look at?** Remember this:

TV stations normally won't show movie film unless the Legion of Decency (filmdom's severest inspector) approved them when they originally were issued. Lapses have been extremely few (usually the result of misunderstanding). The Legion of Decency rates films AA for family, A for adults, B for objectionable, and C for condemned. But in any event, **no TV station is going to risk its license and goodwill for a little purple publicity.**

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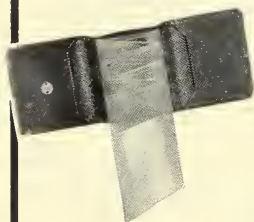


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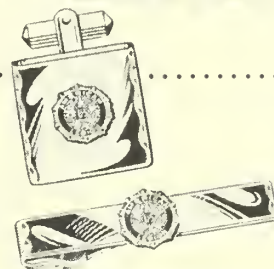
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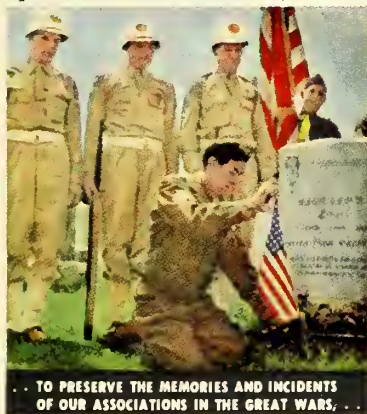
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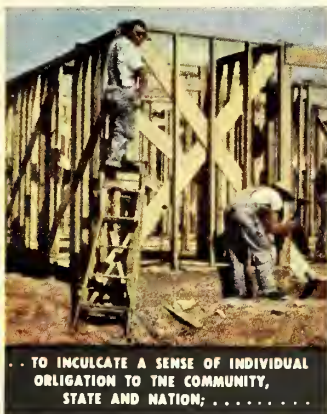
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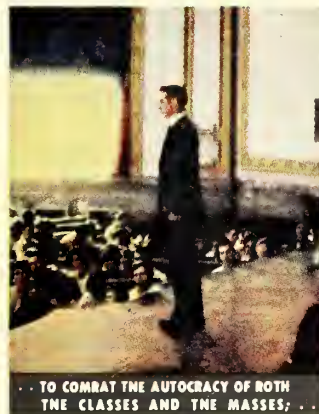
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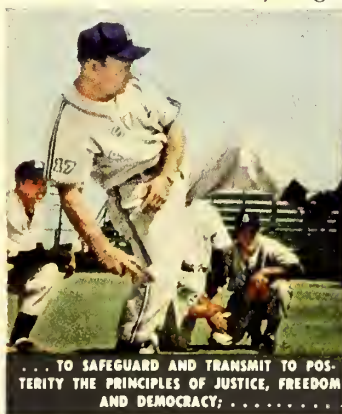
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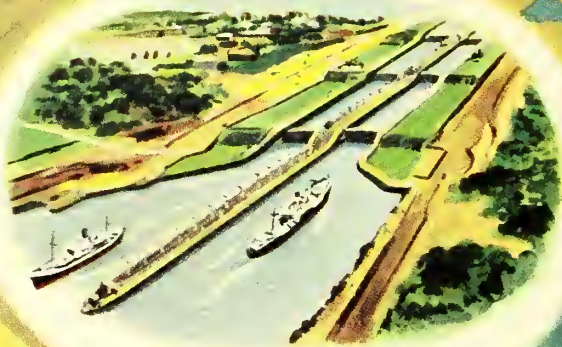
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AT OUR OWN CANAL

We may yet lose the Panama Canal, thanks to the internationalists.

By MAURICE RIES

THE PANAMA CANAL is one of the four or five most valuable possessions on earth—the *most* valuable possession of the United States. For our interoceanic waterway to fall into communist hands would be fatal. But don't think that can't happen. It almost did. Or perhaps you haven't heard how Alger Hiss, not only a high official of the U. S. Government but also a communist, tried in 1946 to give away the Panama Canal—plus Alaska, Hawaii, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and Puerto Rico? With a direct assist from Secretary of State Dean Acheson and the indirect help of President Truman, he came terrifyingly close to success.

Hiss was checkmated for the moment, but international communism still is determined that we must put the Big Ditch up for grabs. The Soviet Union's latest gambit has been to use the Suez crisis as a lever: the U.S.S.R. has proposed that the Panama Canal, along with the Suez, be "internationalized." And, as usual, the communist conspiracy finds ready ears and servile tongues among our one-world liberals.

What the Kremlin would control, it first is willing to make everybody's business. "Internationalization" of our canal would be a long step toward accomplishing the aims of world communism.

Let's get this straight: *the Panama Canal belongs to us*. We foresaw its importance, dug it, paid for it, and, by the terms of a treaty between the United States and the Republic of Panama, secured *de facto* sovereignty until the end of time. Any move to upset that treaty is strictly a two-nation affair. No other country has a right to get into the act. Neither does the U.N.

But this is a fact which seems to have escaped most liberals and even a President of the United States. After the U.S.S.R. made its infamous proposal to "internationalize" our canal, Harry Truman grabbed the nearest newspaperman and wanted everybody to know this wasn't a Soviet idea at all; *he* had made the very same suggestion, and 11 years earlier than the communists had voiced it! Truman boasted that at the Potsdam Conference in July 1945 he had proposed to internationalize just about all the world's really strategic passages for ships, including, by name, the Suez and the Panama Canals.

"I suggested that the Rhine, the Danube, the Black Sea straits, the Suez Canal, the Panama Canal, the Straits of Gibraltar be made free waterways for international traffic. . . . The United Nations would make such charges as to maintain them, but no



Spruille Braden



Dean Acheson

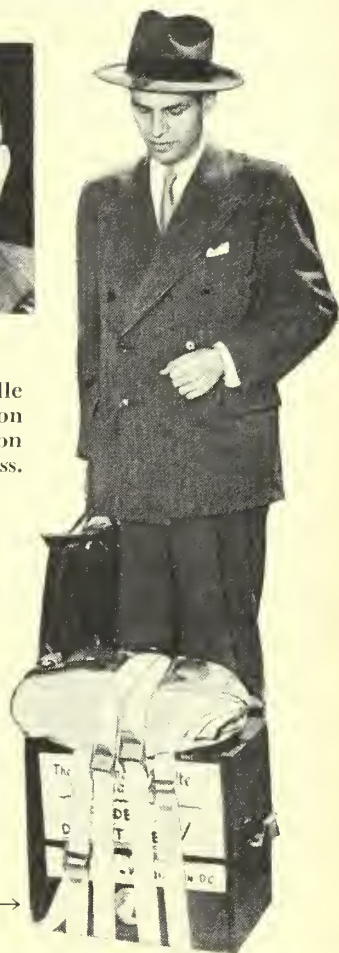
As Assistant Secretary of State, Spruille Braden tried to warn Secretary Acheson of Hiss's move to give the U.N. jurisdiction over our Canal. Acheson backed up Hiss. warships allowed except for police purposes."

That is the way Truman's biographer, Jonathan Daniels, quoted the former President half a dozen years ago.

The President of the United States, however unwittingly, had carried the long-range ball for the communist conspiracy—even though the Truman-Daniels quotation concludes with the odd bit of information that "The Russians would not agree."

Nevertheless, the Kremlin has wanted
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Alger Hiss with the U.N. Charter he later tried to use as an instrument to pry control of the Panama Canal from the U.S.A. →



BROWN BROS.

President Theodore Roosevelt helped dig the Canal. "Teddy" recognized its importance.



Our waning influence at Panama is shown by this flag-lowering in 1918.



1. "Don't fire till you can see the whites of their eyes."

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4. "Don't give up the ship."



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Who said that?

Shown here are nine events in American history which evoked these famous fighting words. Can you describe the circumstances?

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5. "Stand your ground. Don't fire unless fired upon; but if they mean to have war, let it begin here."



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6. "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country."



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2. "... as for me, give me Liberty, or give me Death!"



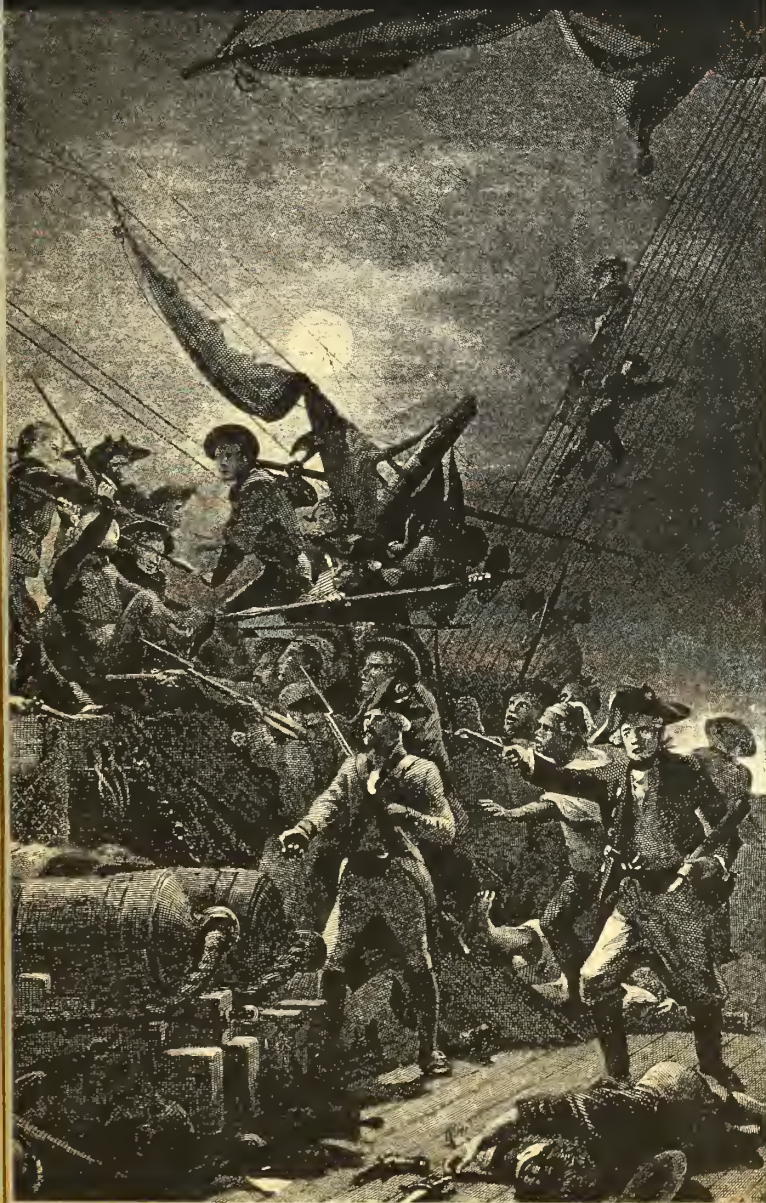
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3. "We have met the enemy and they are ours..."



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7. "I have not yet begun to fight."



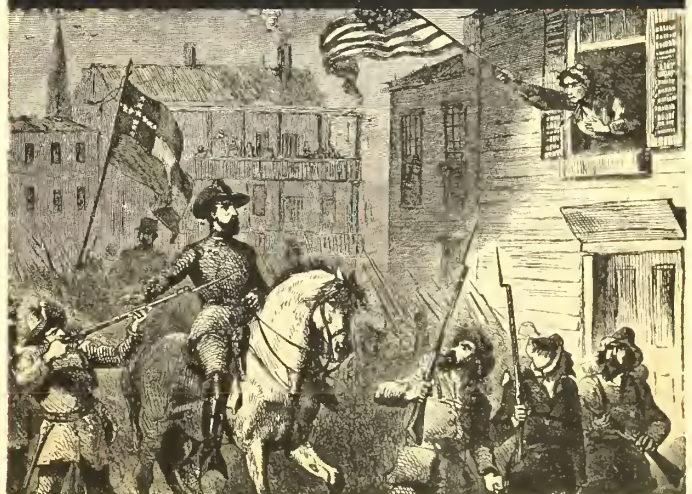
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8. "There, my boys, are your enemies, redcoats and Tories. You must beat them or Molly Stark is a widow tonight."



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9. "Who touches a hair of yon gray head dies like a dog."



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MERCHANTS

By **TOM MAHONEY**

TYPHUS BROKE OUT along the Peru-Bolivia border in South America late in 1947. Scores were stricken. By December many had died, and the General Hospital at La Paz, Bolivia, was crowded with typhus sufferers.

Gray-haired Dr. Eugene H. Payne then arrived by airplane from the United States with a new drug. There was only enough to treat 22 typhus patients. Four chosen, it was noted, "presented signs and symptoms of probable death." Case 10 and four others "gave evidence of certain death."

A death certificate, complete except for date, had been made out for Case 10, a man named Gregorio Zalles, and arrangements made for his burial. Zalles, who had been in coma three days, was given an injection. Forty minutes later, he asked for water. In a few days he was well. The drug was Chloromycetin, the first of the broad spectrum anti-



One of the newest drugs, Relaslin, saves babies who might be stillborn.

biotics, so-called because they cure a wide range of maladies for some of which no remedy previously was known.

More recently Dr. Redginal Hewitt, a tropical disease expert, took a new drug called Hctrazan to St. Croix, one of the Virgin Islands, where the inhabitants have been infected for generations with filariasis. This is an insidious disease transmitted by infected mosquitoes. One form causes blindness. Another is elephantiasis in which lower parts of the body swell to huge proportions.

With the help of his wife, school au-

thorities, and others, Dr. Hewitt administered Hctrazan to virtually all of the inhabitants. Soon 85 percent of them were free of filariasis, and it is on its way to being stamped out in the area.

Who were Dr. Payne and Dr. Hewitt who arrived so providentially? Did they represent the World Health Organization or some philanthropic foundation? Nothing of the sort. Both were researchers for American pharmaceutical manufacturers. Their dramatic adventures indicate the enterprise of the industry in recent years.

Dr. Hewitt has circled the globe for the Lederle Laboratories division of the American Cyanamid Co. at Pearl River, N. Y. Though usually far from there, Dr. Payne is employed by Parke, Davis & Co., of Detroit.

Similar companies in the East include Merck & Co., Charles Pfizer & Co., Inc., Squibb, Schering, Warner-Chileott, National Drug, Ciba, Smith, Kline & French, Wyeth, Hoffmann-La Roche, Bristol Laboratories, Burroughs Wellecome, and others. In the Mid-

dle West are Eli Lilly & Co., Upjohn, Abbott Laboratories, Mead Johnson, Wm. S. Merrell, G. D. Searle & Co., and still others. Together they had sales of \$1,600,000,000 in 1955.

The importance of the pharmaceutical industry, however, is that its multifarious new products literally add years to your life and also life to your years. No other industry spends such a big part of its income on research. This is



of LIFE

You'll live longer because of what has happened in pharmacy in recent years.

as high as 10 percent for some companies. No other industry has produced so many products so rapidly—60 percent of the current drugs have been available less than a decade. Nine-tenths of the prescriptions now written call for these new drugs.

More remarkable in a time of advancing costs, competition and advances in production methods have brought down the prices of these drugs at all levels. While the retail druggist receives a third or more of every dollar you spend for drugs, the markup on drugs is less than on appliances, bar drinks, books, flowers, furniture, jewelry, restaurant meals, shoes, and men's and women's wear. Profits of stores selling only drugs dropped from 8.6 percent in 1952 to 4.6 percent in 1955. And the druggist is the only retailer who must invest years in professional training.

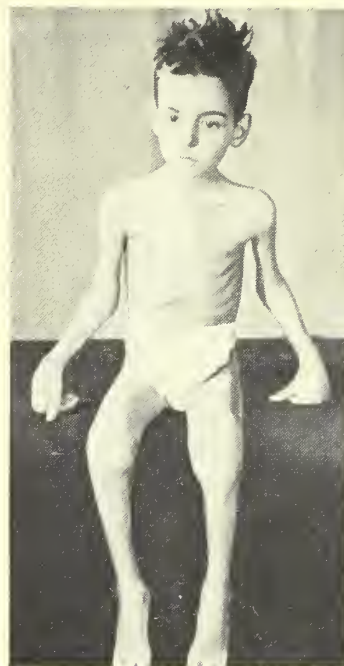
While the cost-of-living index advanced to an alltime high, prices of broad spectrum antibiotics have dropped 65 percent since 1948. Penicillin, once worth its weight in gold, and cortisone, which at first cost \$200 a gram, have been reduced so sharply as to force some makers out of business. Vitamins are made by chemistry so cheaply that they are added to many foods without increasing the price.

Most important, the new drugs save lives as well as money. Treatment of a case of pneumonia used to cost around \$1,000, and one patient out of three died. Thanks to antibiotics the expense today is only \$100, and the chances are 25 to 1 in favor of recovery. Accidents are now a greater hazard to children than germs. The new drugs plus a post-war boom in births caused the 1950 census takers to find 10,500,000 more Americans alive than expected!

Achievements of this sort are new, but the drug business is centuries old.

Lizard flesh, crocodile dung, and the blood of bats were among the remedies of the ancients. As they tried everything imaginable, it was inevitable that they should stumble on quinine and a few other worthwhile drugs, but development of an industry was slow.

Merck & Co., now of Rahway, N. J., began in 1668 as a chemist's shop "At the Sign of the Angel" in Darmstadt, Germany. Mass production of drugs started in 1671 when the Society of Apothecaries of London established a factory to supply the British Navy. America's industry began with a "general laboratory" opened in 1778 at Carlisle, Pa., to furnish medicines to Washington's army. Various Philadelphia firms then began to make drugs, and in 1841 George K. Smith founded there what became Smith, Kline & French. In 1849 two immigrants from Wurttemberg started Pfizer



Hormone therapy treatment for rheumatoid arthritis has given Arthur Sabatini a normal boy's life.



Use of wonder drugs in Korea cut deaths to all-time low in U.S. military history.

his Chicago kitchen, and in 1906 Dr. Ernst J. Lederle, a former New York City health officer, founded Lederle Laboratories to make an improved diphtheria antitoxin which helped cut the death rate from the strangling disease from 40.3 to 0.3 per 100,000.

These pioneer firms established standards of strength and purity for drugs and sent expeditions abroad in search of medicinal herbs, but they lacked resources for research. Some also suffered from the scorn of the scientific world. Many medical schools barred faculty members from work with drug houses. In a novel written as recently as 1925, Sinclair Lewis' *Arrowsmith*, a bacteriologist who joined a drug house was termed "gone wrong" and "dead."

In consequence, the industry advanced little, and many continued to agree with Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes in his belief that only a few drugs were valuable and "that if the whole *materia medica* . . . could be sunk to the bottom of the sea, it would be all the better for mankind—and all the worse for the fishes."

Oddly enough, one of the first important American drug contributions was made by a Japanese. Dr. Jokichi Takamine, the chemist who gave the famous cherry trees to Washington, D. C., isolated Adrenalin from the adrenal glands

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in Brooklyn; the firm is still located there.

Dr. Edward Robinson Squibb, a Navy surgeon, resigned from the service in 1857 and founded the firm that bears his name. The first product was ether, and Dr. Squibb's eyelids were burned away in an explosion of the anesthetic. Wyeth, Inc., and Parke-Davis began in the sixties. A little later Eli Lilly, a druggist and Civil War colonel, founded his firm with \$700 cash after drought ruined his cotton plantation. Dr. Wallace C. Abbott began to make drugs in

Safety tests on Salk polio vaccine make possible quantity production.

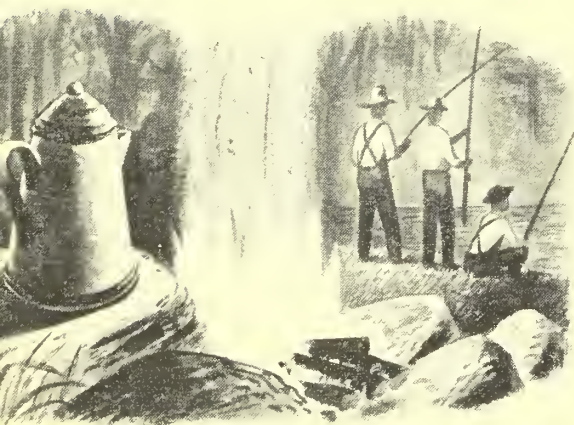
By **GEORGE LAYCOCK**

THERE'S NOTHING WRONG with catfish that catching them won't cure. You'll hear the angling purist talk of trout and bass and salmon, but the fact is that the catfish is also one of the most sought-after fish in the country. If you can't travel long distances for trout, and bass are scarce in your neighborhood or don't bite often enough to keep life interesting, don't give up fishing—at least not until you've tried catfishing.

The catfish comes in several equally ugly but sporty varieties. Some of them are found in practically every part of the country. It doesn't take a lot of expensive equipment to get them nor a lifetime of know-how. It's true that he would never win a beauty contest, but it's not beauty you're after. Catfishing will give you a constant challenge to get out into the open and test your skill at

CATFISHING *can be* FUN

Some sportsmen have the naive idea
that there's no fight in a "cat."



Build a campfire, put on a pot of coffee and fish the night away.

tricking him into biting — something that's not always easy.

There are experts, men of long experience, in catfishing just as there are in other types of fishing. And by following a few of their tested ideas you'll bring home bigger strings of catfish and have more fun catching them.

The catfish is a tough customer. Some of them can survive drought for a time by burrowing in the mud. They've been known to revive after being frozen. One Congo River species goes up to 700 pounds, and the South American electric catfish generates enough voltage to stun a cow. Tales of monster catfish, like Old Jim, have become part of American folklore.

Old Jim lives in Kentucky Lake, and the best catfishermen on this big lake have been trying to bring him in out of the wet. But Old Jim has thus far proved himself a match for all of them. One fisherman who came close to landing the big catfish—they're guessing his weight at a recordbreaking 200 pounds—is A. B. "Burbie" Knight, who is a husky 35-year-old fishing guide on Kentucky Lake and a catfisherman of note. Knight has landed many a large catfish, including one of 110 pounds. And now his sights are set on Old Jim.

Burbie had him hooked not long ago and he thought for a while he was tied to a submarine. For three and a half hours they wrestled and, bit by bit,

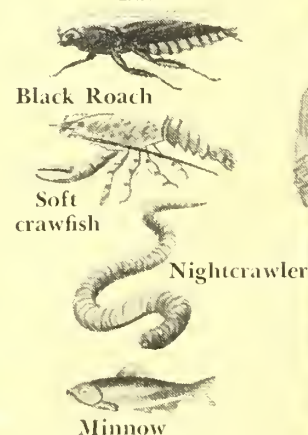
Burbie worked the monster blue eat in closer to his boat. Then the fish saw Burbie Knight, and that was all it took. The big eat turned his tail toward the boat and went hellbent for the bottom of the lake, and even the 150-pound-test line wouldn't hold him.

Knight still thinks Old Jim can be caught. It'll take some special gear, something better than the regular gear the old catfish has been tearing to pieces around that end of the lake for some years. And Burbie is working on that gear. Meanwhile Old Jim grows more famous, and another legend is added to the American story.

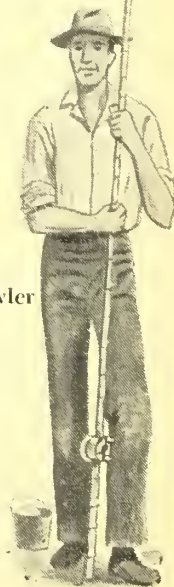
But don't be discouraged by the fact that there aren't enough

Take along a variety of baits.

LAKE BAIT



Hellgrammites for STREAM FISHING



Knead all these ingredients together and form them into pones the size of golf balls, then drop them into the same boiling fat the fish were fried in. Leave them there until they're brown.

AFTER YOU CATCH 'EM . . .



Most experienced catfish fanciers consider the smaller ones the best eating. Some of the best catfish I ever ate were cooked in a Southern State. Here is how they are prepared and cooked.

Choose catfish from six to 12 inches long if possible. Skin them and clean them. Wash the dressed fish in cold water and let the excess water drain off. Then roll them in cornmeal and drop them into a kettle or skillet of boiling fat or cooking oil. They come to the top when they're cooked and fried brown on the outside. Then you scoop them out and let them drain. Serve them immediately, with hush puppies.

Hush puppies, it is said, were named when Southern slaves on clandestine fish fries in the dark of night would toss the dogs bits of dough, rolled and fried, and say, "Hush, puppy." You can make the delicious hush puppies with 2 cups cornmeal, a teaspoon of finely chopped onion, 2 teaspoons of baking powder, one cup of milk, and one teaspoon of salt.



Burble thought he was hooked to a submarine.

catfish like Old Jim to go around. There's a lot of fight in a two pounder and there are plenty of two pounders, yes, and five and six pounders too. And catfish of this size can put up a real battle when you take them on light tackle. They're powerful and stubborn, and more than once I've worried about the safety of my fishing gear when I tied into a sizable catfish. The catfish is a fighter.

It's no trick to tell a catfish from the other fish you're likely to catch. Catfish have no scales. They have broad heads, wide mouths with rows of small teeth, and whiskers—which, incidentally, are harmless. But they carry spines in their dorsal and pectoral fins which can, and often do, punch holes in the unwary angler's hands.

The commonest catfish and the ones most important to anglers are the channel cats. The channel cat has a forked

tail, and his head is small and narrow. The bullheads and the shovelhead catfish all have square tails. Most of the "monster" catfish you hear of are shovelheads or blue cats. Trotlines in the Mississippi and its tributaries often hook shovelheads of 40 and 50 pounds and bigger.

You'll find the channel cat and the blue cat most plentiful in the Mississippi Valley. The brown bullhead, also called the pout, is caught in practically every State. He's at home in the slow-moving streams and the mud-bottom lakes.

One of the beauties of catfishing is that they'll thrive in water that's warmer and muddier than that tolerated by most other fish, and much of the year this is the kind of water that many fishermen have to contend with.

Catfish season in the Midwest comes about the last of March and lasts until the last of October. The best times for

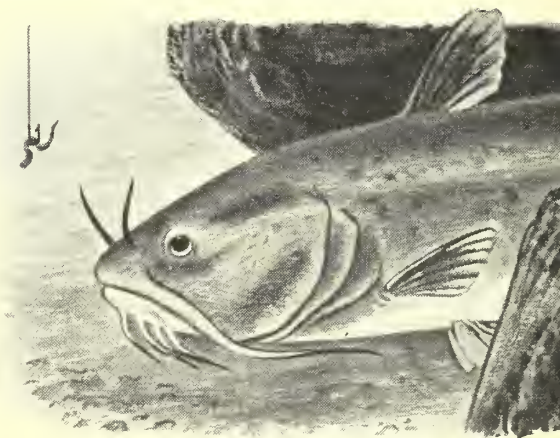
bullhead fishing are the cool nights of spring and early fall. But they'll bite all summer long. Bullheads begin to feed at dusk and keep at it until daylight. This is the fish that bring parties of fishermen out along the river on Saturday night. They build a campfire, put on a pot of coffee, and fish the night away.

Catfish have probably been taken in a bigger variety of ways than any other fish. Some of my catfishing friends still take them by a primitive process called "tickling." Their fishing tackle for this adventure is nothing but bare hands. The time for "tickling" (where it's legal) is in late spring when the catfish begin to spawn. They'll clear out a bed in the mud beneath a rock or log and there deposit from 2,000 to 10,000 eggs in a mass. Then the male catfish stays to guard the eggs and even the young for a while after they've hatched.

While he's on the nest, the "ticklers" simply go into the river and feel around under the rocks with bare hands until they feel a catfish, then they capture him and throw him out on the bank. They get their hands bitten occasionally but seldom let such minor mishaps worry them.

Jug fishing (where it's legal) is another good catfishing method. Jug fishermen tie a string to the handle of a jug or airtight can and dangle a hook and bait from the string. Then as the jug drifts down the river, the fisherman goes along in a boat and waits for a hooked fish to make the jug bob.

Bank fishermen also use throw lines



The male catfish stays around to guard the eggs.

tied to a springy willow sapling which wears the hooked fish out and holds him for the fisherman's coming. But the best way to have fun catfishing is to use light tackle for them, a spinning rod, fly rod, or even a good cane pole. Then it becomes a contest between man and fish, and that's when you get the full measure of sport for your effort.

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LEGION ROD AND GUN CLUB



By JACK DENTON SCOTT

TRACKING MADE EASY: "When tracking deer or other game on snowless, hard ground," says Gordon L. Strobeck, 707 Short St., Irwin, Pa., "always keep the track between you and the sun so shadows will show up strongest to emphasize the track."

MOST OF THE States are studying suggestions and recommendations that all deer seasons should be stretched and part of the season opened to the shooting of "any deer" regardless of sex. It has been proven that deer populations have grown so large and so quickly that they are now overbrowsing, and thousands of them are dying of starvation during the winter months. Game experts agree that hunters would be doing deer herds a favor by thinning them out so that a natural balance would be once more effected.



THE MELVIN COWART Post #274, of Fort Myers Beach, Fla., is sponsoring a Tarpon Fishing Tournament to be held Apr. 1 to August 31, 1957. It's an annual affair, held as a community service project to afford pleasure to vacationists. Prizes are hefty. First: for the largest tarpon registered during tourney, \$600; second, \$300; third, \$150; and many other prizes. Anyone interested in entering this hook-and-line contest or in any further details should write Joe Friedenthal, American Legion Tarpon Tournament, Fort Myers Beach, Fla.

THE ARMY IS testing a new rifle offered by the Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corp. It's a lightweight automatic and has an aluminum barrel with a stainless steel liner. The stock is made of fiber glass and plastic foam. The rifle, called the ARIQ, weighs 6.85 pounds. It has a 20-round clip and fires 700 rounds per minute.

CLAUDE LARD, manager of the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge in Texas, reports that an aerial survey shows that only 23 whooping cranes—including two young ones—have returned to the refuge. Last year there were 28 birds. Thus the whoopers are only a breath away from extinction.

LOTS OF REACTION to the tip one of our readers mentioned of using the steel end of a shoelace to repair a sheared pin on his outboard motor. G. C. Funk, Crivitz, Wis., comments: "A simpler method would have been to remove the propeller, push the sheared pin that remained in the drive shaft out halfway, plug the other half with rags, wood, or paper to prevent the pin from shifting. Replace the propeller and be on your way." Ernest McGuire, 421 Allen St., New Bedford, Mass., says, "On my first encounter with the problem of being without an extra shear pin, all I found it necessary to do was to reset the longer end of the broken pin and bring the nut up snug and run the motor slowly on my return. A pin seldom shears in the middle, thus can be reset to shaft and one side of prop, but I caution against speeding under this condition. Why not solve the whole thing by taping a couple of extra pins to the steering handle where you can always see them and know you have them before leaving shore?"

William Overdeer, R. D. 15, Fort Wayne, Ind., solved his sheared pin accident this way: "We solved the problem by cutting the shanks from several long fish hooks," he says, "and inserting them in a bunch in place of the pin." Ingenious people, these outboard men.

MERLE E. PORTER, Blissfield, Mich., has one for ice fishermen: "If your feet don't keep warm and your boots slip on ice or snow, just pull a large pair of socks over your boots. This will not only keep the cold out, but will take the grease out of that ice."

Another sock tip from Frank Mihalcik, 6 Brown St., Ashley, Pa. "To keep wool socks from bunching and misfitting in your fishing or hunting boots, here is a simple solution," he says. "Put the wool socks on first, then pull on a pair of stretchy nylons. The nylons will fit any size foot and will keep the heavy wool socks perfectly in place. Makes those expensive wool socks last longer too."

THE SECOND LARGEST manmade lake in America (it's in Virginia and North Carolina), the John H. Kerr Reservoir, is now open to public fishing. For a map and complete information on this wonderful virgin body of water, write to James C. Cooper, vice chairman of the Kerr Reservoir Development Commission, Henderson, N. C. It could be your big fishing adventure for 1957.

ALERTED BY THE Game Commission that natural foods will be in short supply for forest game, sportsmen and farmers in the State of Pennsylvania are cooperating by building and stocking wild turkey feeders in out-of-the-way forest localities.

Numerous sportsmen's clubs, farmers, and individuals have put out ear corn in feeders to supplement what natural foods are available. This service will be especially valuable in late winter when unseasonable late freezes destroy the nut and wild cherry crops, retarding production of game foods.

PICK UP almost any newspaper these days and you'll read of the deaths of men who have ventured on ice-covered ponds and lakes with heavy automobiles. Ice fishing is fun, but it is wise to know the ice you are fishing, how long it has been frozen, how deep the water is, how thick the ice is, where the weak spots are, etc.



WHAT'S YOUR GUESS as to America's top game bird? Duck? Pheasant? Quail? Wrong on all counts. It's the Mourning Dove. The year before last 19 million were killed by hunters in 29 States. During the same period only a little over 12 million ducks were bagged in the entire country.

PROBABLY SPEAKING of warmer months, but a good tip nonetheless, Dick Kilpatrick, of Cerro Gordo, Ill., passes this on about dove shooting. "When the weather is too warm for a game jacket or shell vest, buy a nail apron and wear it to carry both doves and shells. It will hold the limit in doves and all the shells you need."

"LAST FALL while I was deer hunting," says Dexter Lockwood of Summer St., Springfield, Vt., "I had to keep taking my rifle apart and cleaning it because water kept getting between the stock and barrel, causing it to rust. I found that I could prevent this from happening by taking a piece of beeswax, melting it and adding linseed oil and letting it cool. When it is cool take the paste and rub it in between the barrel and stock. This not only will keep the water out but also makes a nice polish."

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AMBASSADORS *with* BATS



How sixteen American Legion Junior Baseball players scored
in Latin America for Uncle Sam. **By IRVING HERSCHEIN**

FOR MANY YEARS our good neighbors to the South have been visited by hordes of high-powered press agents, cultural missions, planners, and persons and groups whose well-intentioned purpose was the bettering of relations between the United States and the republics of Central and South America. Needless to say, some of the results left much to be desired.

Last fall The American Legion, with little fanfare, sent a small group on a month-long tour of six countries in the Caribbean area. The group very quickly succeeded in reaching the man in the street, and, as one American who has lived in Central America for more than 30 years said, "... did more to better relations with the average person than anything I've seen in all my years in Central America."

The project was nothing more than one of the Legion's own programs packaged for export. A team of American Legion Junior Baseball players toured El Salvador, Panama, Colombia, Venezuela, Puerto Rico, and Cuba playing local teams and holding baseball clinics for youngsters.

The tour, which began on September 26th from Miami, Fla., was the culmination



VENEZUELA: The Ambassadors line up before a statue of Simon Bolivar, liberator of his country.



CANAL ZONE: Dick Montee, left, and Merlin Nippert with a python at the Army's Jungle Warfare school.

tion of almost two year's planning on the part of Lou Brissie, American Legion Junior Baseball Commissioner. The U. S. State Department asked seven Latin American countries if they would be interested in having a junior team visit their countries to play against their teams and to hold baseball clinics. All responded enthusiastically to the suggestion.

Brissie visited each of the countries in June to work out the details. When he returned, each Legion Department in the U.S.A. was asked to recommend four boys for the All-American Legion team. They were to nominate an infielder, a pitcher, a catcher, and an outfielder on the basis of his scholarship, leadership and citizenship qualities and ball playing ability.

Sixteen players were chosen — only one from a Department — and two coaches — Gil Archuleta, Albuquerque, N. Mex., and Pete Palumbo, Maplewood, Mo. — and a team physician — Dr. Alfred J. Suraci, Washington, D. C. — were selected to make up the contingent that would take Legion Junior Baseball south of the border.

The team got together for the first time on September 21 in Miami where they began daily workouts under the direction of the coaches. The Ambassadors, as they were nicknamed, were Ronald Peterson, Morris, Ill.; Ronnie Spillers, Spencer, La.; Frank Carpin, Richmond, Va.; Earl Kennedy, Powell, Tenn.; Richard Montee, Billings, Mont.; William Strait, Concordia, Kans.; Walter Engle, Tucson, Ariz.; Merlin Nippert, Mangum, Okla.; Frank Davis, Miami, Fla.; Jerry Berg, Scappoose, Oreg.; George Wilhelm, Jr., Vineland, N. J.; William Roman, Detroit, Mich.; June Raines, Whitmire, S. C.; Wallace Palmer, Portland, Maine; Jan Dawson, Buhl, Minn.; and Fred Walker, Dover, N. H.

After the Ambassadors boarded Pan American Clipper Flight 505 on the morning of September 26, they received the first of many surprises they were to experience during their trip when Commissioner Lou Brissie read them the telegram he had received the night before from President Dwight D. Eisenhower. The President said:

"To the young men on The American Legion baseball team and to their coaches as they begin their goodwill tour of South America I send greetings. As representatives of the American people, I know you will enjoy the hospitality of the countries you visit and you will exhibit the highest standards of American sportsmanship both on and off the playing field. In so doing you will serve your country well in the cause of international peace and understanding.

"Congratulations and best wishes for a great adventure."

Dwight D. Eisenhower

The first leg of the nearly 5,000-mile aerial tour went from Miami to San Salvador — capital of El Salvador — via Havana, Cuba. When they arrived in San Salvador, the Ambassadors were greeted by officials of that country and members of the American Society in whose homes the members of the team stayed.

Late in the afternoon of their first day in San Salvador the team conducted the first of a series of baseball clinics at the Estadio Nacional. An enthusiastic crowd of baseball fans was present as the Legion players and their coaches demonstrated some of the finer points

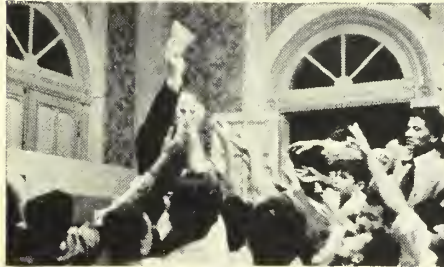
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MIAMI: The Ambassadors board their plane for the first leg of the Latin American tour.



CANAL ZONE: Some of the team during their tour of the Miraflores Locks on the Atlantic side of the Canal.



EL SALVADOR: This was the scene as a baseball booklet was distributed to enthusiastic fans.



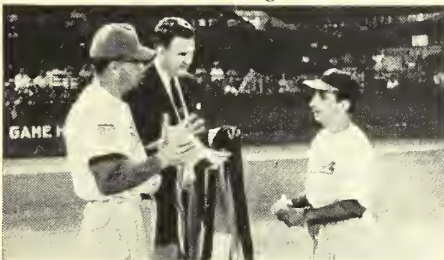
EL SALVADOR: Gil Archuleta, Spanish-speaking coach, explains a play during a baseball clinic.



PANAMA: Lou Brissie, left, presents an autographed ball to President de la Guardia during official visit.



CANAL ZONE: The Ambassadors have lunch in 350-year-old dungeon as guests of the U. S. Army.



CUBA: Lou Brissie accepts pennant from manager of Havana Junior Baseball team.



COLOMBIA: Dr. Suraci, right, accepts cup from Amateur Baseball Association.



PUERTO RICO: Legion Department officials met the team on its arrival in Puerto Rico.

WHEN YOU ARE called on to make a speech —

Does your heart drop to your stomach, wind itself into a tight coil, then skyrocket into your throat?

Do butterflies flutter through your insides?

Does your mouth get dry, tongue cleave to the roof, and voice become squeaky?

Yes? Fine, that means you are perfectly normal!

Yes, it is natural to be scared when faced with having to make a speech, but it's still unpleasant. The best device for controlling stage fright is confidence born of the inner knowledge that you have a well-prepared talk that should interest your audience. This confidence won't eliminate your nervousness, but—like oil on a choppy, turbulent sea—it will smooth off the breakers of panic and permit you to talk like an intelligent, sensible person.

Preparing your talk so it will be a success isn't difficult if you remember one simple idea and plan your speech in terms of it. This master key to preparing to talk will work for all the many situations in which you may have to speak—Legion Post meeting, the PTA, Sunday School class, garden club, civic club or what have you. The reason it will work everywhere is that everywhere you speak you are talking to PEOPLE, and this key unlocks the secret of catching and holding people's interest. Whatever the material you have to cover in your talk, if you plan it in terms of P-E-O-P-L-E, you'll be on the road to becoming a successful public speaker.

How do you prepare a talk in terms of PEOPLE?

Just follow this simple guide:

1. *Pinpoint your purpose, first of all.*

The subject on which you are to talk is usually pretty well settled for you, since you are not being asked (presumably) to make a speech just because your audience has a desperate yearning to hear your voice. You have been asked to make a report on the results of the charity drive, the need for a new community house, or some other specific topic. But think beyond just "talking about" your subject and ask yourself, "What do I hope will happen as a result of my talk?" This is what you want your speech to accomplish, and you direct it toward that end.

Suppose you are to speak to your church circle on the need for more Boy Scout troop leaders. The chance is your purpose is not really to *tell them* about this need; you really want to *persuade* some of them to become troop leaders. Your intent is to persuade, not inform. This makes a difference in what you say. You won't spend much time talking about such things as the history

of scouting. You'll want to concentrate on those aspects of your subject which will make your listeners believe that they need scouting and scouting needs them. We'll talk later about ways of doing this. Now we are only trying to pinpoint the *purpose* of your speech.

Always figure out what is the exact purpose of your speech. Determine what you want to use your speech for—to inform, to persuade, to arouse interest, or whatever. Having decided this, you are ready for the next step, where you start figuring ways and means of accomplishing your objective.

2. *Examine your audience.* What kind of people are you going to be talking to? Businessmen? Young matrons? Parents? People interested in music, civic affairs, home beautification? Since the only purpose of your talk is to produce some effect on them (which you have already determined), at this point you will want to answer the question, "What is the common bond or interest that brings these people together as a group? Their age, their marital status and age combined, their occupation, their recreational interests?" The answer to this question tells you the *kind* of people you are talking to. If you stop to think a minute, you will realize that your speech on the same subject, with exactly the same purpose behind it, might be completely different for two groups, because the people in those two groups are different.

Let's now move on to Step 3, in which we consider what you do about it after you have given some thought to the kind

How to Win APPLAUSE

Anybody can make a speech, but this is
how you can make one that people will like.

By **THOMAS F. STATON**



This is how your audience will look if you don't take steps.

of group that will be listening to you.

3. *Orient your talk to their interests.*

Here is the way to make sure you get off on the right foot in your speech. If you have correctly diagnosed the common factor that brings your listeners together as an audience, you can make a shrewd guess as to what they are interested in. Let's consider a sample situation. Suppose your assignment is to speak to a PTA group about the need for popular support of the upcoming citywide garden show. How do you know they are interested in your city's having more entries in the show than have other cities of similar size in the United States? You don't. As a matter of fact, you tell yourself grimly, you have an idea they couldn't care less. What *are* they interested in then? Their children, of course! If you can talk to them convincingly on the relationship between children's growing up with an

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appreciation of beauty and growing up in a city proud of its grounds and gardens, you will succeed because you are *appealing to their interests*.

In preparing a recent talk I was to give to a civic club on human relations in business, I constructed and discarded six outlines. The seventh I kept and used successfully. The subject of all



Pep up your remarks with some wisdom available in books.

seven outlines was the same; the content was basically the same. It took me seven outlines to get one that dealt with human relations in a manner that was oriented to successful, middle-aged businessmen. Talk about the history and development of the art of human relations? Nope—all right for a teachers' meeting, but not for these Kitarrians. Human relations programs in the nation's big corporations? Possibly, but there aren't any big corporations in their town. Human relations in terms of the small businessman, his employees, and his customers? Aha! That's my orientation! Now to outline it that way.

4. *Partition your material into a few briefly worded ideas.*

Right here is where many speakers go astray. They talk about their subject

as a whole, and at the end their listeners have only a big, foggy mass of words and ideas in a scrambled confusion. Or they have so many points it would take a memory expert who is also fast at shorthand even to remember them, much less relate them to each other and the subject. Or they express their key ideas or points in such long, rambling sentences that they are obscured from the listeners.

You have to cut a cake into pieces before you can eat it very well. Similarly, unless your talk is mighty simple and short (hardly to be called a speech) it needs to be partitioned into slices, each



A carefully prepared outline will keep your talk on the track.

one clear and simple, for your audience to be able to take it in. Think how much more difficult this article would be to grasp if it were not broken into sections, each one keynoted by a short summary-type sentence. Now remember that you cannot "paragraph" a speech as I have this article, but you can *partition* it into homogeneous groups of ideas. That

makes it much easier to understand.

It's a good rule not to have more than half a dozen points. It's also good to state each point in a short, simple sentence. If you feel you can't get all your material under a few points, cut out some of the material.

5. *Limit your material.* Don't bog your listeners down in detail. Remember how bored you have become as speakers droned on and on, filling the air with meaningless names and a hazy cloud of detail about which you comprehend little and cared less? Don't make the same mistake. Ask yourself how little detail you can possibly get by with, then arbitrarily eliminate a third of that, group the rest under a few simply stated points, and you'll be reasonably safe. (To be even safer, eliminate half the details.)

As a final admonition on this point, here is one rule that I can guarantee will make you a popular speaker if you follow it, **BE BRIEF**. It is not that people dislike hearing **YOU** speak; it's just that America today is a nation of people accustomed to 15-minute programs and 30-second commercials. It takes a good speaker to hold a group's interest for half an hour. (You will find that you can't go into details if you are really brief.)

6. *Examples, and plenty of them.* Put in plenty of real-life examples or humorous anecdotes related to your points. *You'll do well to spend as much time thinking up or digging up illustrations of the principal ideas of your speeches as you spend researching their subject matter.*

Even the presentation of a club's financial statement can be brightened if you start out with an anecdote—for example—"For a while last night I thought I was going to be in the situation of the bank cashier whose boss asked a fellow worker, 'Where is Jones this afternoon?' and received the reply, 'He's gone to the racetrack. He said it was his last chance to get his books in balance!' But you will be glad to learn that my error was in reading as a three what was really a hole punched by Junior's first tooth, and everything finally balanced out right."

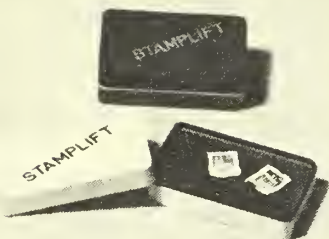
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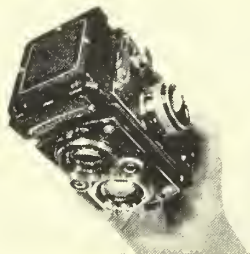
This is the kind of audience you can have—if you really try.

Products Parade

A sampling of items which are in process of development or are coming on the market. Mention of products in no way constitutes an endorsement of them, since in most cases they are described as represented by manufacturers.



What is it? Stamplift.
What does it do? Separates stamps from paper objects or each other.
How much? \$3.00.
Where available: General Designing Service, Box 167, San Francisco 1.



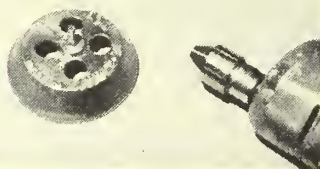
What is it? Rolleiflex 3.5G.
What does it do? Permits even casual photographers to get professional results by means of ingeniously coordinated controls. Has built-in exposure meter, Light Value Scale system, visual depth of focus scale, etc.
How much? \$289.50.
Where available: Burleigh Brooks, Inc., 10 W. 46th St., New York City, and camera dealers.



What is it? Relief Map of World.
What does it do? Three-dimensional Bakelite vinyl map shows physical features of land masses.
How much? \$47.50.
Where available: Aero Service Corp., 10 E. Courtland St., Philadelphia 20.



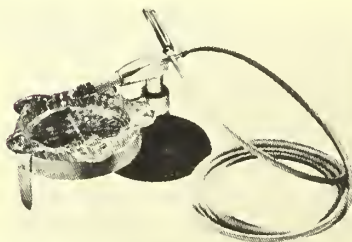
What is it? Rakaid.
What does it do? Spring-loaded bar strips rake of leaves with a light tap.
How much? \$1.69.
Where available: Bonine & Co., 1408 Rollins Road, Toledo 12, Ohio.



What is it? E-Z Way Adapter.
What does it do? Used with a quarter-inch drill, it starts power mowers without use of pull rope. Not available for all makes. Check with manufacturer before ordering.
How much? \$3.95.
Where available: Norwood Sales, 2025 E. Main St., Columbus 5, Ohio.



What is it? Metal Woodworker's Vise.
What does it do? Holds material in horizontal or vertical position with L-shaped jaws. Portable, easily clamped for use.
How much? \$4.75.
Where available: Stanley Tools, New Britain, Conn., and hardware and appliance stores.



What is it? Twi-lite Safety Smoker.
What does it do? Permits you to smoke in bed without danger of starting a fire from lighted cigarette.
How much? \$3.50.
Where available: American Machine & Tool Co., Station B-Box, Dayton 7, Ohio.

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war criminals. The American member of the International Board, Spencer Phenix, of Chocorua, N.H., who recommended clemency, and any other Americans involved should be brought back to this country immediately, thoroughly investigated, and never again be allowed any job on the Federal payroll. His is evidently one of the worst appointments on record.

Name Withheld
Yonkers, N. Y.

Sir: Enclosed please find a clipping from a recent newspaper. It states that a war crimes parole board made up of one American, one Frenchman, and one Englishman, plus three West Germans has freed Col. J. Peiper, commander of the nazis who slew 142 American prisoners of war in the Bulge. This article is worded to give the impression that the U.S.A. was powerless to stop his release. But who set up the parole board in the first place? Kindhearted us, of course, or should I say softheaded? What would the nazis do to a U.S. soldier in the same position? Peiper served 12 years of a 35-year term. "Nuts."

Ray J. Peil
Tower, Minn.

▼ The American Legion, through the voice of its National Commander, registered strong protests both before and subsequent to the action, but to no avail.
The Editors.

NEHRU FAN

Sir: Because Nehru represents millions of people and because Nehru has a huge influence in Asia, Russia does not want Nehru to like America. America needs the friendship of this wise man. I beg your magazine and every magazine in America to treat this great statesman with the respect and understanding that Nehru deserves.

John Xinos
Gillette, Wyo.

UNFAIR TO DOC HUTCHINS

Sir: You do not appear to be quite fair to Dr. Robert M. Hutchins and his Fund for The Republic. I do not think that this Fund ever claimed to be The Fund for The Republic of the United States of America.

Carl Shuster
Trenton, N. J.

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A DIGEST OF EVENTS WHICH ARE OF PERSONAL INTEREST TO YOU

LEGION DRAFTS WW1 PENSION BILL AGAIN:

The American Legion has drafted a WWI veterans pension bill, in the exact form that HR7886 passed the House last year . . . New bill's number is HR4221.

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SUMMARY OF WW2 AND KOREA BONUSES IN ALL STATES:

"Newsletter" constantly receives queries for information on State bonuses paid for both WW2 and Korea-period service. . . . Below is a state-by-state summary, based on reports of American Legion Dep't Adjutants, showing whether or not a WW2 or Korea-period bonus was awarded, and is still available. . . . Amounts, requirements for eligibility and basis of payment vary, but in every instance, residence in the State at the time of entering the Armed forces, and for various periods of time before then, is a necessity.

Alabama: none . . . Arizona: none . . . Arkansas: none . . . California: none . . . Colorado: none . . . Connecticut: WW2, yes but expired. Korea, yes, last date for applying is July 1, 1957. Write: State Bonus Division, State Treasurer's Office, State Office Bldg., Hartford, Conn.

Delaware: WW2, yes. Korea, yes. But both expired . . . Florida: none . . . Georgia: none . . . Idaho: none . . . Illinois: WW2, yes but expired. Korea, no, but bill now before legislature . . . Indiana: WW2, yes. Korea, yes. But both expired . . . Iowa: WW2, yes but expired. Korea yes, not yet available, probably about July 1, 1957. Last date for applying Dec. 31, 1960. When ready, about July 1 this year, write WW2 Bonus Division, State House, Des Moines, Iowa.

Kansas: none . . . Kentucky: none . . . Louisiana: WW2, yes but expired. Korea, yes but expired . . . Maine: none . . . Maryland: none . . . Massachusetts: WW2, yes. Korea, yes. No application deadline for either. Write: Korean and WW2 Bonus Division, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston 8, Mass.

Michigan: WW2, yes but expired. Korea, yes and will expire March 7 this year. Write: Adj't General Military Pay Section, Box 1401, Lansing 4, Mich. . . . Minnesota: WW2, yes but expired. Korea, no, but bill now before legislature . . . Mississippi: none . . . Missouri: none . . . Montana: WW2, yes but expired. Korea, no, but bill now before legislature . . . Nebraska: none, but state has Veterans Aid Fund to apply to WW1, WW2 and Korea vets or dependents in certain financial emergencies . . . Nevada: none.

New Hampshire: WW2, yes. Korea, yes. Both still open. Pending bill proposes cut-off for applications for both on July 1, 1958. Write: Adj't General, State Military Reservation, Concord, N.H. . . . New Jersey: none . . . New Mexico: none . . . New York: WW2, yes. No expiration date for applying. Write N.Y. State Veterans Bonus Bureau, 1875 North Broadway, Albany, N.Y. Korea, no, but bill in hopper this year . . . North Carolina: none.

North Dakota: WW2, yes but expired. Korea, yes, final

details for applying now pending in legislature and applications expected to be ready about May 1 this year . . . Applications when ready from American Legion Dep't of North Dakota, Box 1748, Fargo, N. Dak., or Adj't General's Office, Fraine Barracks, Bismarck, N. Dak. . . . Ohio: WW2, yes, but expired. Korea, yes, final application date Jan. 1, 1959. For applications write American Legion of Ohio, Station E, Box 6867, Columbus, Ohio or Bonus Commission, 293 E. Long St., Columbus, Ohio.

Oklahoma: none . . . Oregon: WW2, yes but expired. But applications not closed for WW2 bonus if applicant proves he was hospitalized or out of the U.S. during expired filing period. If so, contact: Director of Veterans Affairs, State Finance Bldg., Salem, Oreg. Korea, no, but bill now in legislature . . . Rhode Island: WW2, yes but expired. Korea, authorized at polls last Election Day, but method and mechanics of payment not worked out yet.

Pennsylvania: WW2, yes but expired. Korea, no, but bill now in legislature . . . South Carolina: none . . . South Dakota: WW2, yes, but expired. Korea, yes, but expired. Legislature now considering reopening Korea bonus. Inquiries on final action later in year to: South Dakota Veterans Dep't, Pierre, S. Dak. . . . Tennessee: none . . . Texas: none.

Utah: none . . . Virginia: none . . . Vermont: WW2, yes. Korea, yes. No terminal date for applying for either. Write: Office of Adj't General, State Office Bldg., Montpelier, Vt. . . . Washington: WW2, yes but expired. Korea, yes with Dec. 31, 1957 last date for applying. Write: Application Division, Division of Veterans' Compensation, Office of State Auditor, 114 Columbia St., Olympia, Wash.

West Virginia: WW2, yes, but expired. Korea, yes, but applications not available until about July 1, 1957 . . . About then write: West Virginia Dep't of Veterans Affairs, Bonus Division, State Capitol, Charleston, W. Va. . . . Wisconsin: none . . . Wyoming: none.

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WHAT VETERANS PENSIONS ARE AVAILABLE?:

If "Newsletter" gets plenty of queries about State bonuses (see above), queries about pensions for living veterans are as frequent in the daily mail. . . . There is no need here to go into the precise details of eligibility for a veterans pension, since any experienced American Legion service officer knows the fine points. . . . But it is evident from "Newsletter's" mail that many Legionnaires and other veterans are confused about the essential facts of veterans pensions. . . . Following are essential facts:

1. There is no pension payable to vets of WW1, WW2 or Korea on reaching a certain age, based on age alone.

2. Pensions are payable to veterans of any age based on four conditions, the exact terms of which should be discussed with a service officer. . . . The basic conditions: (a) Total and permanent disability (after age 55, age counts in part in determining total and permanent disability.) . . .

(b) Inability to pursue a "substantially gainful occupation" due to the disability . . . (c) Limited other income . . . (d) Adequate non-dishonorable military service (90 days with part of it in wartime, less than 90 days if discharge was for service-incurred or service-aggravated disability.)

3. Veteran must meet all four conditions.

4. Pension payments may be deducted from Social Security benefits paid for disability, but not from Social Security benefits paid for retirement at age 65 (men) or 62 (women).

5. Amount of pensions: Basic rate \$66.15 per month . . . If veteran is 65 or has been in receipt of pension continuously for 10 years, rate is \$78.75. . . . If veteran is so helpless as to require constant aid and attendance of another person, rate is \$135.45 per month.

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NEW SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS RAISE SOME QUESTIONS:

Readers have asked "Newsletter" to clarify certain points regarding the two basic changes in Social Security enacted last summer. . . . Questions revolve around (a) the law permitting women to draw Social Security benefits at age 62 and (b) the restrictions governing the new proviso that permanently and totally disabled persons under Social Security may draw disability benefits after age 50.

By now, it's pretty well understood that those who qualify for the new Social Security disability benefits after age 50 may have any other payment received from the Federal gov't based on disability (or state employees compensation benefits) subtracted from the Social Security benefit. . . . This includes, of course, both compensation and pensions paid to veterans. . . . We have commented here before on the dubious justice of this provision, here we deal with the fact.

Two questions have been asked repeatedly by readers. . . . Question: Is the reduction based on other disability benefits also applied to Social Security benefits drawn at age 65 (62 for women) for retirement? . . . Answer: No.

Question: If a person starts drawing disability Social Security benefits before age 65 (62 for women), and has veterans' pension or compensation benefits deducted from them, will that deduction continue when one reaches the age where he would be entitled to the payments as a retirement, rather than disability, benefit? . . . Answer: No.

Women's benefits at 62: The Congress provided last year that a woman who is entitled to Social Security benefits at age 65 could, if she wished, start drawing them at age 62 instead. . . . It was not the intent of Congress to increase the total amount paid to women, but to permit them to receive benefits at an earlier age. . . . Many women have written "Newsletter" questioning the fact that when they applied at age 62 for benefits they were offered a lesser monthly rate of payment than they would have received had they elected to wait until age 65 to receive them.

Answer: Since the Congress did not intend to increase the total amount paid, it was necessary to reduce the monthly rate of payment, otherwise all claimants would have received up to three years additional benefits. . . . A woman who applies for benefits before age 65 will have her monthly benefit reduced for life, on a scale related to the additional years over which she would be expected to draw benefits.

Actually, there are two scales, one for women who receive benefits as the wives of retired workers and the other for women who receive benefits based on their own Social Security coverage as insured workers.

The wife of a retired worker will, if she elects to receive benefits at age 62, receive monthly payments for life that are 75% of what she would get if she waited until age 65. . . . If she starts receiving benefits at age 63, she gets 83⅓% of the rate at 65. . . . If she starts at 64, she gets 91⅓%.

A woman drawing benefits based on her own coverage as worker would get 80% of the rate for age 65, if she starts drawing benefits at age 62. . . . If she starts at age 63, she would get 86⅓%. . . . If she starts at age 64 she would get 93⅓%.

Each woman has the right of election as to the age, past 62, when she may receive benefits.

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VET BENEFITS NOT TAXABLE INCOME:

That time is drawing near again. . . . 1956 Federal income tax reports must be filed by Monday, April 15. . . . Vets are reminded that benefits paid by the VA need not be included in statements of taxable income.

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NEW MAKEUP OF HOUSE VETS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Members of the House Veterans Affairs Committee in the new Congress are as follows:

Democrats: Olin E. Teague (Tex.), chmn; W. J. Bryan Dorn (S.C.); Elizabeth Kee (W. Va.); George S. Long (La.); Frank W. Boykin (Ala.); Wayne N. Aspinall (Colo.); George A. Shuford (N.C.); George H. Christopher (Mo.); Charles C. Diggs, Jr. (Mich.); B. F. Sisk (Calif.); James A. Haley (Fla.); Walter S. Baring* (Nev.); Basil L. Whitener* (N.C.).

Republicans: Edith Nourse Rogers (Mass.); Bernard W. Kearney (N.Y.); William H. Ayres (Ohio); E. Ross Adair (Ind.); Paul A. Fino (N.Y.); Phil Weaver (Nebr.); John P. Saylor* (Pa.); H. Allen Smith* (Calif.), and Florence P. Dwyer* (N.J.).

Names followed by an asterisk are new members of the Committee.

Members of the Committee last year who are still in the House but are no longer members of the Committee include:

William H. Avery (R Kan.); James A. Byrne (D Pa.); Leo W. O'Brien (D N.Y.); Eugene Siler (R Ky.); Charles M. Teague (R Calif.); and E. Keith Thomson (R Wyo.).

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ARMED FORCES MAY ABANDON FOGEYS; SEEK PAY SYSTEM RELATED TO MERIT:

Armed Forces are planning to scuttle the "fogey" system of pay increases based on present grade and total length of service. . . . Instead, will seek a changeover to a new pay plan for members of Armed Forces based on time-in-grade and merit.

Legislation to start the changeover now being readied. . . . Any such change may require a reshuffling of other legislation such as PL881, which pegs benefits for survivors of deceased servicemen to a scale related to the present Armed Forces pay plan.

New pay thinking is based on studies of the so-called Cordiner Committee, headed by Ralph Cordiner, pres. of Gen. Electric. . . . Motive is to attract and hold in the Armed Forces the growing number of needed technicians, who find better rewards for their skilled services in private industry and whose present pay is based solely on grade and length of service, rather than on value of their skills. . . . Switchover from long-established fogey system is contemplated in gradual steps.

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MARCH 1957

Huge Legion Europe Tour to Converge on Paris, Sept. 27

Thousands of American Legion members and their families, and members of The American Legion Auxiliary, touring Europe at the invitation of West European nations, will be in Paris on Sept. 27 this year. For three full days (Sept. 28, 29 and 30) the 4th decennial American Legion Pilgrimage to Europe will be fully concentrated in the French capital, as touring Legionnaires, following upwards of a dozen different itineraries, all converge on that city.

The big three day concentration in Paris was one of many announcements that emerged from a joint meeting of Legion, American Express Co., steamship and airline officials in New York on Jan. 17-18, as planning for the huge 1957 "American Legion Pilgrimage for Peace" to Europe moved into its final stages.

The convergence on Paris will be the high point of a Pilgrimage which, for a period of from three to five weeks in

late September and early October, will find nearly every important city in Western Europe acting as simultaneous hosts to large parties of Legionnaires and their families.

Tentative itineraries for the big Legion tour, ranging from 17 to 41 days, tailored to every taste and pocket-book, include in their points of call Glasgow, Edinburgh, London, Southampton, Plymouth, Le Havre, Cherbourg, Paris, Nice, Grenoble, Montreux, Killarney, Dublin, Amsterdam, Brussels, Luxembourg, Rome, Venice, Florence, Genoa, Milan, Naples, Lugano, Lucerne, Lausanne, Interlaken, Zurich, Basle, Geneva, Berne, Cologne, Wiesbaden, Baden-Baden, Heidelberg, Bonn, Frankfurt, Munich, Stockholm, Oslo, Copenhagen, Seville, Madrid, Cordoba, Algeciras and Gibraltar.

Mere announcement of the big European Legion tour had already brought thousands of queries for specific details

from Legionnaires into American Legion and American Express Company offices across the nation, indicating that when bookings begin soon, the 1957 Pilgrimage may surpass the trek of 5,000 members of Legion families across the Atlantic in 1937.

Starting in the early days of the Legion, it was planned to revisit Europe on a large scale every ten years after 1917. The Nat'l Convention was held in Paris in 1927, attended by 20,000.

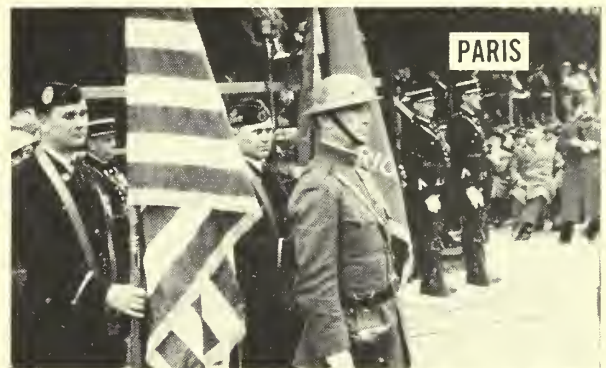
That was the only Nat'l Convention held abroad. The post-Convention Pilgrimage of 5,000 to Europe in 1937 was the largest non-Convention trans-Atlantic visit.

The third big tour, set for 1947, was kept down in size by the inability of WW2-ravaged Europe to accommodate a Legion-sized tour.

So 1957 emerges as the first opportunity for a full-fledged Legion pilgrimage since 1937, with The American Legion tripled in size since then.

Nearly all the necessary facts of the 1957 Pilgrimage emerged from the January meetings in New York, although details sufficient to begin accepting

PILGRIMAGE SCENES TWENTY YEARS AGO



Shown above are scenes from the Legion Pilgrimage to Europe in 1937, as 5,000 Legionnaires and family members

crossed the Atlantic. A visit to Belleau Wood battlefields, and official ceremonies in England, Italy and France are shown.

bookings were subject to a few weeks delay, in order that the most advantageous prices and detailed itineraries could be worked out.

Meanwhile, The American Express Company, official agent of the Pilgrimage, had already received queries from more than 2,600 interested Legionnaires, all of whom were earmarked for personal notification of precise itineraries and prices the moment the final details are affirmed.

In January, the Express Company advised that *all others interested in full travel details as soon as they are available would also be registered for personal notification by their nearest American Express Company office if they would mail a request for such notification to: American Legion Pilgrimage Committee, The American Express Company, 65 Broadway, New York 9, N. Y.*

What It Means

The Pilgrimage is open only to members of The American Legion and the Auxiliary, and their families. The tour is undertaken at the official invitation of many of the host nations, extended expressly to The American Legion.

Both the Legion and the host nations look upon the Pilgrimage as a tremendous good-will visit of that unique group of American citizens who have personally taken part in world conflicts that were the common experience of Europe and America.

That the 1957 journey is a peace and good-will mission, with Legionnaires acting as unofficial American ambassadors, and not a belated victory jamboree, is highlighted by the fact that among the nations extending its invitation to the touring Legionnaires is West Germany.

To Legionnaires, the Pilgrimage is indeed an important opportunity for person-to-person contacts with the people of friendly nations in arduous times—and more too.

It is also a revisit of old battlefields and shrines and a unique opportunity—afforded few Americans—to tour Europe with thousands of friends from back home, as official guests of the host nations—and as citizens, not soldiers.

To countless Legionnaires whose war service was in non-European theaters, the Pilgrimage is also an opportunity to see and know Europe and its people under auspices never available to the independent traveler.

Basic Facts

1. More than a dozen different itineraries will be offered. Each of them will be part of the official Pilgrimage.

2. They will be of different durations, offering individual choices of long or short tours, ship or air crossings, limited

or numerous points of call, but all will converge on Paris Sept. 27-30 except those noted in (4) below.

3. Departure dates for the main Pilgrimage will follow the Nat'l Convention in Atlantic City, leaving New York during the period Sept. 17-20 if eastbound by ship—and up to as late as Sept. 26 if eastbound by air.

4. A few itineraries will be offered for pre-Convention European tours in mid-August and early September, for Legionnaires who wish a pilgrimage tour but cannot make the later date of the main Pilgrimage.

5. Steamship travel on major trans-Atlantic liners is available in three classes: first, cabin and tourist.

6. Trans-Atlantic air travel is available in two classes: first and tourist.

7. Some air tours will be 17-day tours, giving benefit of special, reduced, round-trip 17-day air rates.

8. All itineraries offered will be escorted throughout Europe. They are one-price package tours including transportation throughout, hotels, meals, sightseeing, escort services, etc. (Dinners in London and Paris not included, for convenience of the tourists.)

9. Side trips at the conclusion of tours can be arranged on an individual basis.

10. Rail travel in Europe will be first class throughout. All hotels of good class.

11. Foreign exchange of money, handling of mail, and other services will be available throughout Europe through American Express offices.

12. Local sightseeing and hotel-to-station or hotel-to-airport transportation by motor coach.

13. Final quotation of prices was not available at presstime, but will be, simultaneously with notification of all applicants of precise itineraries. For general information, the price range of the dozen or so itineraries projected in mid-January is in the general neighborhood of \$900 for the shortest to \$1500 for the longest (minimum).

14. Individual choice of mode of crossing Atlantic and of class of travel chosen, and other individual preferences will affect prices.

15. The official travel agent will advise individually on passport details, etc.

16. Certification of Legion or Auxiliary membership of head of a family party, by a Post or Unit official, is required before agent may make a Pilgrimage booking.

17. All Pilgrimage members will be officially registered, and registration includes a Pilgrimage fee for group insurance, registration, official tour certificate and badge.

THE LEGION AT WORK:

Vets in Gov't Jobs

One of a series of thumbnail sketches of little-known daily operations of The American Legion.

A small Legion staff in Washington, working under the Legion's Nat'l Economic Commission, helps protect the rights of veterans in government jobs and of members of the Armed Forces and their dependents to certain benefits. The staff handles about 800 cases a year, wins a goodly proportion, loses some.

In one classic instance, by winning a case for one warrant officer, the Legion won it for all warrant officers and their dependents.

The law in this case gave peacetime "officers and enlisted men" and their dependents certain death and disability benefits.

The agency that handled the benefits denied them to all warrant officers and their dependents, claiming that warrant officers are neither officers nor enlisted men.

The Legion challenged this narrow view in a test case before an appeals board, and won the case. Thereafter, so long as that law continued to apply to servicemen, all warrant officers and their dependents enjoyed its protection.

Many of the cases handled for veterans by the Legion Economic Commission staff deal with the rights of veterans in government jobs to death and disability compensation under the Federal Employee's Compensation Act and with GI mortgages. However, most cases, and the most interesting ones, deal with the rights of veterans to get and hold government jobs under the Veterans Preference Act.

Veterans have marked preferences in getting gov't jobs and in being kept in a lay-off, which Federal agencies must observe—and firings of veterans, based on charges brought against them, must not be capricious, unreasonable, or falsely based.

Vicious

The viciousness in some agencies is appalling. In one case a gov't-employed veteran chaplain with an invalid wife was fired by his agency on charges that his denomination had withdrawn its endorsement of him. The Legion got his job back when it showed that agency officials had gone out their way to coerce improper persons in the denomination to withdraw sanction of the chaplain, simply to provide a "legitimate" excuse for firing him.

Whenever there is evidence that a Federal agency has failed to hire a veteran or has laid him off or fired him for

charges, in violation of the Veterans Preference Act, the Legion Economic Commission may interest itself in putting the facts together and making a case for the veteran in hearings, examinations and appeals for redress before the Civil Service Commission.

If the agency has clearly complied with the law, or where its charges against a veteran in a case of firing are convincing and sufficient, there is little hope of winning the case. The basis of appeals must be on the merits of the case and on correct application of the law.

Yet the instinct toward patronage and cronyism in gov't jobs has not been removed by the Civil Service and Veterans Preference Laws. It has simply been brought under some control. So cases of violation occur every year in which agencies have flouted the laws, either openly or through devious devices.

Easiest of all cases to win for veterans in gov't service are those in which the letter of the law has not been followed. Where this is clearly shown by the Legion staff, the Civil Service Commission may order the agency to reverse its action. The order of the Commission is binding on the agency.

Cases come to the Legion staff in which charges against a veteran employee of the government are found to be trumped up, stretched, exaggerated or misrepresented.

Nearly always, such injustices happen when an agency official has a strong personal reason for trying to oust the veteran. Frequently he wants to ease a candidate of his own into the veteran's job. The Legion, through diligent work on such cases, is often successful in exposing such phony charges and having the veteran restored to duty with back pay.

Evasions

Much harder to win are cases in which agencies have used tricks that are within the law to evade the Veterans Preference Act. If the agency is technically correct, even though its action has violated the spirit of the law, it may succeed.

Thus, in Postmastership appointments, it may happen that the Post Office is required to hire one of three veterans at the top of the competitive register, but actually has another candidate favored for personal or political reasons.

It may get around the difficulty by failing to appoint a Postmaster at all, and by installing the favored candidate as Acting Postmaster and waiting—perhaps years—to exhaust the legitimate candidates before making a permanent appointment.

The Post Office Dep't is usually successful in such evasions, and thus keeps many Postmastership appointments out-

side the merit system and under the spoils system.

Similar devices are concocted by various agencies when it becomes necessary to lay off a certain number of people. An agency official wishing to protect his friends and favorites in the face of the preference which veterans have in being kept on the job in a lay-off, may reclassify various jobs in advance of an impending layoff, so that his friends and favorites are in classifications that won't be touched by the layoff.

The result is that others, who would normally be kept on the basis of merit or veterans preference, are successfully let go through the technical trickery of reclassification, while the favorites are kept secure in their jobs.

Similarly, in order to install or protect a favorite, an agency may "abolish" a job, and thus get rid of a veteran or other employee who has the job. It then recreates the same job—as far as its duties are concerned—under another job-description, and fills it with the pal who has been standing by to jump in if the incumbent could be successfully "bumped." They frequently get away with this on the basis that it is not the "same" job.

Of several hundred veterans preference cases handled by the Legion's small national staff in 1956, all of which had been lost at every lower level of appeal, 36% of those concluded during the year were won.

This case work was handled by a staff of two WW2 Legionnaires working under Nat'l Economic Commission Director Clarence Bird, as the year began: John Mears and Austin Kerby. Mears left Legion employment in April, after which Kerby handled the bulk of the

work singlehanded until a new staff member was acquired in December—another example of the capacity for dedicated service of The American Legion in action.

POLIO:

Legion On The Job

American Legion Dep'ts, Districts, County organizations and Posts once again gave great service to the annual March of Dimes drive against polio in January. At the request of the March of Dimes, Nat'l Cmdr Dan Daniel served as chairman for the Points for Polio program in which spectators at basketball games pledged a cent for the March of Dimes for each point scored at many college court games.

In 12 States, The American Legion and/or the Auxiliary sponsored the statewide Blue Crutch Tag Days (Ala.; Calif.; Kans.; Ky.; Maine; Mass.; Miss.; Mo.; N. H.; N. Y.; Vt. and Wash.) In 11 other States where the Blue Crutch campaign was not sponsored statewide by a single organization, many Legion Posts and Counties did the job locally.

Special American Legion anti-polio projects were conducted by the Departments of Kansas, Louisiana and Maryland.

In several States, the March of Dimes' special Teens Against Polio drive was organized around the boys and girls of the Legion's Boys' State and the Auxiliary's Girls' State.

Exceptional support of the March of Dimes last year earned the Legion a special award of a huge, golden hypodermic needle, tendered Nat'l Cmdr Daniel in November in recognition of the anti-polio work that was done in the Legion Departments in 1956.



TELLING THE LEGION'S STORY effectively is the store window display shown above, recently arranged in a window of the Penelec Bldg in Altoona, Pa., by Posts of the 21st District of Pennsylvania. Legion insignia and uniforms attract attention, while the many placards tell the story of the Legion's aims and programs. Display stirred up wide interest.

Legion Asks Congress Review All Nat'l Credit As GI Mortgage Funds Dwindle

The American Legion, on Feb. 1, asked the Congress to re-examine "the nation's financial and credit structure to determine the adequacy of our banking system to support today's economy."

Hearings were held by the House Veterans Affairs Committee to consider the problem caused by the drying up of funds for GI mortgages. Past Nat'l Cmdr Seaborn P. Collins (N. Mex.), who headed a special Legion committee to study the trouble veterans are having getting private loans for GI mortgages, advised the House Committee that the "basic disturbance occurs outside the field of veterans' affairs."

Collins expressed doubt that remedies which "focus narrowly on VA home loans to the exclusion of the total national credit situation" would be effective.

The entire field of housing, particularly low cost, low-down-payment and long-term-payment housing is "profoundly disturbed" by what almost amounts to "runaway premiums and charges for money on the open market," Collins said. Veterans of modest means are "inordinately affected" by the burden of tight money, he added.

Meanwhile, Collins told the House Committee, credit continues to flow in "record-breaking amounts" into industrial expansion and into shorter term and higher yielding consumer loans.

Conventional home mortgages now command 6% interest in most areas of the country, while the FHA rate was recently raised to 5% and the VA rate remains at 4½%, and it is "this situation which is drying up GI loan funds at their source," Collins pointed out. He added that "the veteran has found himself unable to bid competitively for mortgage money within the framework of the present national economy."

"We would prefer to see FHA interest rates rolled back to 4½%, if by doing this both the VA and FHA could successfully compete for funds in the mortgage market," he testified.

Unwelcome Realities

However, Collins intimated that in the Legion's opinion there was little prospect of either the FHA interest rate being rolled back, or of such a step relieving the situation of those most in need of housing on easy terms.

"Recognizing the unwelcome realities of present conditions," he told the Committee, "the Nat'l Executive Committee of The American Legion has recently adopted a report recommending appropriate legislation being enacted to pro-

vide the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs with the same authority to regulate interest rates on VA loans as the FHA administrator now exercises over FHA loans under the National Housing Act."

It was at this point that he intimated that it would be better for the Congress to attempt to correct the "unwelcome realities" on a broad scale, by re-examining the total adequacy of the present national credit structure to support today's economy, because "the basic disturbance occurs outside the field of veterans' affairs."

Background

Background of the hearings was the rapid diminishing, over a period of more than a year, of available mortgage money at 4½% for veterans' homes, in the face of intense competition from other sources seeking credit, and capable of paying much higher rates. While the VA approved about \$5.6 billions in nominal 4½% loans on veterans' homes in 1956, the rate of lending to veterans dropped rapidly during the year, as it did for all housing.

Meanwhile, in nearly all areas of the country, veterans were actually paying total charges much higher than 4½% in order to get their loans. Discounts at the source, without which the loans would not have been forthcoming, were obligating veterans to pay back principal amounts that were not actually lent, as well as interest on such amounts. Untold tens of millions of the \$5.6 billion in vets' mortgages reported by VA for 1956 represented debt contracted at interest by veterans, but not sums actually lent.

The same difficulties beset the government's huge FHA insured mortgage program, which during most of 1956 stipulated a 4½% interest rate. Having authority to do so, the FHA raised its interest rate to 5% on Dec. 4. This was an attempt by FHA to attract more funds for FHA mortgages, and to get the costs of FHA mortgages back on top of the table. The step taken by FHA worsened the already poor bidding position of veterans for GI mortgages, as FHA joined the many credit-seeking sources that could outbid the VA program.

Various bills before the House Veterans Affairs Committee, at the time Past Nat'l Cmdr Collins urged the Congress to re-examine the entire national credit structure, proposed priming the VA home loan program by injecting government-owned or government-held funds into the VA program.

Most of these bills called for sums in the neighborhood of \$1 billion to be furnished by the government or to be borrowed from the National Service Life Insurance trust fund—to be lent directly to veterans, or to buy VA mortgages from private lenders.

The demand for VA loans from qualified veterans has recently been running in the neighborhood of \$6 to \$7 billions yearly. Since WW2, nearly \$40 billion in veterans' home loans have been guaranteed by VA. Not all the WW2 demand has been met, while the VA home loan program for Korea vets has its years of biggest demand ahead, with 1965 as the present terminal date.

At the hearings on Feb. 1, Past Nat'l Cmdr Collins emphasized that above all the Legion seeks "an assured flow of funds which will adequately meet the demands of those veterans having home-loan entitlement whose financial responsibility is comparable to that of the millions of veterans who have already used their entitlement."

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS:

The citation of an individual Legionnaire to life membership in his Post is a testimonial by those who know him best that has served The American Legion well.

Below are listed some of the previously unpublished life memberships that have been reported to the editors. They are arranged by States.

Frank E. Heple (1956), Post 31, Salinas, Calif.
F. Don Hunt (1956), Post 106, Redlands, Calif.
Wallace W. MacKay (1955), Post 276, Los Angeles, Calif.

Leland G. Kimlau and Mon Spencer Owyang (both 1954), Post 384, San Francisco, Calif.

Nelle Tanzey (1956), Post 498, Pasadena, Calif.

C. A. Carlson (1956), Post 10, Boulder, Colo.

Adolph P. Zimmerman (1935) and **Paul A. Hankins** (1936) and **Wesley W. Howe** (1938) and **Charles J. Sutka** (1939), Post 422, Berwyn, Ill.

Lee J. Orth and William T. Roser (both 1956), Post 753, Highwood, Ill.

George W. Martrick (1947) and **Ad J. Saxe** (1948), Post 830, Chicago, Ill.

John Leavitt (1956), Post 443, Sharpsville, Ind.

Anton Sorensen (1956), Post 115, Storm Lake, Iowa.

William A. Link and Donald H. Wells and **Charles C. Kidwell and Alfred J. Owens** (all 1956), Post 108, Cheverly, Md.

Raymond A. Burke (1956), Post 196, Suitland, Md.

Fred C. Chick (1955), Post 110, Medfield, Mass.

Gustave A. Anderson (1947) and **John W. White, Sr.** (1950) and **Frank W. Neale** (1955) and **Fred W. Butler, Sr.** (1956), Post 210, Saugus, Mass.

Phillip W. Caporale (1946), Post 326, Springfield, Mass.

Walter M. Smith (1956), Post 401, Weymouth, Mass.

Arthur Leonard (1952), Post 148, Kansas City, Mo.

Clyde F. Cochran (1956), Post 16, Norfolk, Nebr.

K. O. Knudson and Stephen DaCosta, Sr., and **Myron G. Browne** (all 1956), Post 8, Las Vegas, Nev.

Anthony Nasdeo (1956), Post 25, New Brunswick, N. J.

W. Preston Lindeborn (1955), Post 84, Oaklyn, N. J.

Bernard Maxwell (1955), Post 184, Wildwood, N. J.

Richard A. Jessen and Ralph O. Williams (both 1954), Post 273, Keansburg, N. J.

Joseph A. Jacobi (1952), Post 335, Atlantic City, N. J.

Ross R. Miller (1946) and **Louis G. Soles** (1946) and **Willis A. Kiggins** (1948), Post 194, Rochester, N. Y.

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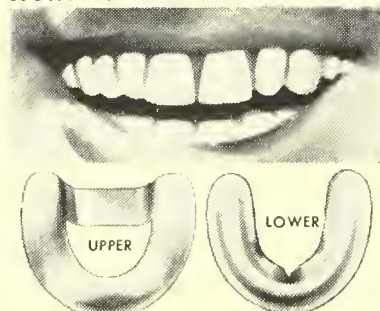
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Philip W. Cohen and **James F. Finley** and **Louis Brandenburg** and **William O. Jaconetti** (all 1953), Post 272, Rockaway Beach, N. Y.
Chester A. Naugle (1951), Post 329, Pearl River, N. Y.

James Gover and **Francis Gaynor** (both 1956), Post 336, Glenwood Landing, N. Y.

George W. Haigh (1956), Post 390, Hempstead, N. Y.

William J. Dwyer (1953) and **William M. Dowd** (1954) Post 489, Cortland City, N. Y.

Gleeson E. Hupp (1953) and **Paul J. Muth** (1954), Post 665, Buffalo, N. Y.

James E. Hall (1946) and **Nathan Pollard** (1947) and **Joseph Small** (1955), Post 1017, Yonkers, N. Y.

Joseph F. White (1955), Post 1062, New York, N. Y.

Otto H. Fichter (1954), Post 1229, Penfield, N. Y.

William A. Steinacher (1955), Post 1786, Long Island City, N. Y.

Joseph W. Grier, Jr., (1956), Post 262, Charlotte, N. C.

Edwin W. Yeich and **Jack Shapiro** and **Ralph S. Johnson** and **Leon H. McCall** (all 1945), Post 12, Reading, Pa.

John L. Brennen (1951) and **John L. McShea** (1953) and **Edward F. Hueston** (1954), Post 153, Philadelphia, Pa.

Joseph Stofko (1953), Post 212, Donora, Pa.

Edward L. Ferrari, Sr., and **Gustav Sleg** (both 1955) and **R. H. Munn, Jr.**, (1956), Post 785, Glenshaw, Pa.

Post Commanders or Adjutants are asked to report life membership awards to "Life Memberships," The American Legion Magazine, 720 5th Ave., New York 19, N. Y. Date of award is requested in all cases.

LEGION BIRTHDAY:

Big Doings in March

The three days from March 15 to 17 mark The American Legion's 38th birthday. The formative caucus in Paris in 1919 convened on those dates, and from the caucus The American Legion emerged.

Legion Nat'l Hq reports widespread celebrations planned by Posts throughout the country to mark the birthday. Thousands of Posts have set aside one of the three birthday dates as the occasion for special dinners, dances and other celebrations.

Says *The American Legion News Service*: "While many Posts are planning to entertain neighbors at their birthday parties, countless others will honor their charter members. These plans include dinners and dances keyed to a Founders Program, Charter Members Night, Jubilee Ball, Legion Cradle Days and Loyalty Rallies."

Many Posts are arranging to "cut birthday cakes on television screens with local bakeries as sponsors" and "almost everywhere The American Legion Auxiliary is planning to bake big birthday cakes, each with 38 candles."

Caps Membership Drive

The birthday celebration marks the terminal date of the special mid-winter "Ask Your Neighbor" membership drive, initiated by Nat'l Cmdr Dan Daniel in January. Membership had crossed the two million mark on January 1, the highest enrollment at that time of year in the Legion's 38 years, presaging an out-

standing membership achievement by March 15-17.

Auxiliary Cake Contest

Late in January The American Legion Auxiliary announced a nationwide cake-baking contest in connection with the Legion's birthday. Plans, to be announced fully by the Auxiliary, include community cake baking contests, co-sponsored by General Mills, makers of Betty Crocker cake mix, with local, Dep't and national winners.

The national winner will make off with a prize of \$1500 toward a trip abroad for two with the 1957 American Legion Pilgrimage for Peace to Europe in late September.

RELIGION:

Back to God Telecast

The American Legion's annual "Back to God" telecast was carried over CBS-TV network Sunday afternoon, Feb. 3.

The program dramatized the sinking of the *Dorchester* on Feb. 3, 1943, in which four chaplains sacrificed their lives, giving their lifebelts to American soldiers.

Will Rogers, Jr., narrated the program, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles appeared as President Eisenhower's representative. Nat'l Cmdr Dan Daniel and top-ranking chaplains of the Armed Forces also participated, as did friends and relatives of the four chaplains: Clarke Poling, Alexander Goode, George L. Fox and John Patrick Washington.

BRIEFLY NOTED:

► The American Legion Child Welfare Div. has announced that eight Dep'ts plan to back State Legislation to establish State scholarship funds for teachers and nurses in an effort to help relieve the critical shortages of personnel in those professions.

► The Veterans Administration is taking extraordinary precautions to insure that widows, guardians of children, and dependent parents make the correct choice when electing death benefits provided by the Servicemen's and Veterans' Survivors Benefits Act (Public Law 881, 84th Congress). Care and consideration are required because Public Law 881 is extremely complicated. Legionnaires who are questioned on the subject should refer the questioner to a Dep't Service Officer in order to be sure that he gets the right answers.

► On Jan. 7, the Dep't of Pennsylvania opened a Veterans Information Booth in the John Wanamaker department store in Philadelphia. In the two weeks that the booth was open more than 400 veterans, servicemen, and members of their families sought the Legion's counsel from members of John Wanamaker

Post 611, who manned the booth. Wide, favorable publicity given the booth called Legion services to the attention of thousands of Philadelphians.

► A cooperative advertisement promoting the 38th birthday of The American Legion is available in matrix form. The co-op mat, in three-column and five-column sizes, can be obtained without charge by Posts. Write to Membership and Post Activities Section, The American Legion, P. O. Box 1055, Indianapolis 6, Ind.

► Senate Resolution No. 23, which would establish a Veterans Affairs Committee in the U.S. Senate, was introduced by Sen. Dworshak (Idaho). The American Legion has long recommended the establishment of such a committee.

► When Nat'l Cmdr Dan Daniel visited the Area B Child Welfare Conference in Atlantic City, N. J., in Jan., Mrs. Bess Harrison, National Chapeau of the 8&40, presented him with a check for \$2,500. Child Welfare Div. will use this money to provide direct assistance to dependent children of veterans in "tubercular-contact" families.

► Iowa is the second Dep't to attain its 1957 membership quota.

► Dep't of Missouri's new Hq will be dedicated on Mar. 24. Nat'l Cmdr Daniel will speak and formally dedicate the new Hq.

► American Legion's new *Emblem Catalog* for 1957 is off the presses. Catalog lists and illustrates a wide variety of emblems, flags, insignia, and other items needed by Posts, in addition to many personal items such as rings, fountain pens, jackets, wallets, etc., bearing the Legion Emblem which may be purchased from The National Emblem Sales Div's, American Legion Nat'l Hq, P. O. Box 1055, Indianapolis 6, Ind. Striking four-color cover of new catalog portrays a meeting of Post 18, Bloomington, Ind., home Post of the late Past Nat'l Cmdr Paul V. McNutt.

► The Veterans Administration reports that 94 percent of the 610,000 compensation and pension claims which have undergone a comprehensive review have required no adjustment. The review was begun in 1954 to doublecheck WW2 and peacetime disability compensation (service-connected) claims for those under 55 and all disability pension claims for the same age group.

► A new coliseum, called Freedom Hall, on the Kentucky State fairgrounds at Louisville was dedicated by Nat'l Cmdr Dan Daniel recently. Dedication

ceremonies were conducted by the Kentucky Legion Dep't, and the name for the hall was provided by Miss Charlotte Owens, of Louisville, prizewinner in a Legion-sponsored contest to select a name.

► A colorful, 240-page history of the 8th Armored Division in training and combat has been written by Capt. Charles R. Leach, who served with the division. Entitled *In Tornado's Wake*, the history is available for five dollars from the 8th Armored Div. Ass'n, Suite 1300, 134 N. La Salle St., Chicago 2, Ill.

► The American Nat'l Red Cross reports that thousands of hospitalized servicemen while away the long hours in bed building models. In the last 12 months the Red Cross distributed 6,635 model kits to bedridden patients in Europe, North Africa, and England at a cost of more than \$7,000. Most popular models: airplanes, automobiles, and ships, in that order.

► A three-page question and answer explanation of the problem created by the status of forces agreements is available free from Congressman Frank T. Bow, New House Office Bldg., Washington 25, D. C. Congressman Bow wrote the article "We Learned About

Jap Prisons From the Inside," which appeared in the Jan. issue of this magazine. At the 1956 national convention in Los Angeles The American Legion reaffirmed its position "adopted at the last national convention to urge the repeal of the Status of Forces Treaty."

► The biggest Post in the Legion in 1956 was Post 1, Omaha, Nebr., perennial membership champion. The Omaha Post had 10,903 members. Runner-up, as it has been for years, was Post 1, Denver, Colo., with 10,690 members. A total of 49 Posts reported membership of more than 2,000 each.

► Introducing: Scout Master Willis M. Boyd, who, at age 80, still makes overnight hikes with his Boy Scout troop, has been scouting since 1914, is 37 years a Legionnaire, recently completed his 426th overnight camp-out, is chairman of both the Legion's Seventh District and the Dep't of Georgia Boy Scout Committees, is chaplain for life and past cmdr of Post 245 in Adairsville, Ga., volunteered for war service at age 35 in 1917, won the Purple Heart and Silver Star in France, is a grand old man of the Legion and of Boy Scouts, and is a religious leader in his community—an American.

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BRIEFLY NOTED

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► Harold P. Redden, Chmn of The American Legion Nat'l Finance Commission, member of Post 21, Springfield, Mass., and long an outstanding and unselfish leader in the Legion and in the cause of veterans, was honored at a dinner of 100 Massachusetts Legionnaires at Springfield, Jan. 22.

Among those who paid tribute to Redden were Leo Harlow and Robert (Sam) Murphy, the first and the present Massachusetts Dep't Cmdrs; Past Nat'l Cmdrs Dan Doherty and Jim O'Neil; Past Nat'l Vice Cmdr Frank Kelly, Nat'l Executive Committeeman Charles Collatos, Past Dep't Cmdr John Walsh, Past Dep't Chaplain Rev. Fr. Twist, and Dr. Thomas Powers of the Nat'l Legislative Comm'n. At Redden's request, a gift fund collected for him was diverted to help the education of a survivor of a deceased Legionnaire.

► Dep't of Alabama, in conjunction with outdoor advertising companies, initiated a statewide billboard campaign in January (see pic.) Posts get basic



Alabama billboard campaign

poster for \$15, and \$5 additional for Post imprint. Additional posters cost \$16. Outdoor advertising companies provide billboard space without charge. Dep't estimated that 100 such posters emphasizing "To better serve Alabama, join The American Legion," would be on view by March 1.

► A testimonial dinner at Newburgh, N. Y. on Jan. 19 honored N. Y. Dep't Cmdr Martin B. McKneally, Past Cmdr of Judson P. Galloway Post in Newburgh. Past Nat'l Cmdr Donald R. Wilson, now President of Oglethorpe University in Atlanta, Ga., gave the principal address. Many Legion leaders from New York, including Past Nat'l Cmdr Edward N. Scheiberling, as well as Newburgh neighbors of McKneally, joined in the tribute.

► Increase in auto traffic in Libya has led that country to request the Legion's safety film "Teach Them to Drive."

► Discussion of the Bradley Commission recommendations on vets benefits was at the top of the agenda as the Legion's Nat'l Rehabilitation Conference got under way in Washington, D.C. Feb. 26, attended by service officers from every state.

LEGION ABROAD:

Posts Everywhere

Not only will touring Legionnaires in Europe next fall run into other traveling Legion members wherever they go, but they will never be far from a local American Legion Post. Of the hundreds of Posts outside of the continental U. S., many are located in Europe.

European Posts are found in the following cities: *Belgium*—Antwerp, Brussels, Roulers; *Denmark*—Copenhagen, Odense, Vedback; *England*—London (two); *France*—Paris (two), Marscille, Verdun, Boulogne, Chateauroux, Dreux; *French Morocco*—Casablanca; *Germany*—Berlin, Frankfurt-am-Main, Kaiserlauten, Schwabisch-Gmund, Ludwigsberg, Hanau, Munich; *Greece*—Athens, Tripolis, Patras, Canea (Crete), Thessaloniki (Salonica); *Grand Duchy of Luxembourg*—Luxembourg; *Ireland*—Cork, Kilmarny; *Italy*—Rome (two), Giovinazzo, Palermo, Naples; *Scotland*—Glasgow; *Sweden*—Stockholm.

CONSERVATION:

Our Homeless Critters

The Nat'l Wildlife Federation observes Nat'l Wildlife Week this Mar. 17-23 with the theme "Housing shortage for wildlife."

What people have done to the natural shelter of wild animals "shouldn't happen to a dog," says the Federation. In fact, the dogs are OK, it notes, because they live in people's homes—but deer, bear, rabbits, squirrels, quail, grouse, fish, etc. find their homes cut, drained, filled in, cleared or polluted by man.

The Federation asks those who have a heart for America's native wild creatures to take some of the many steps that are possible to make our lands and waters more habitable for wild things this year.

Even city dwellers can make homes for birds, and the Federation lists nine different courses of action by which Americans can make more "homes for wildlife."

The Federation, an association of state and local conservation clubs, has nat'l offices at 232 Carroll Street, NW., Tacoma Park, Washington 12, D. C. It raises funds through the sale of beautiful outsize four-colored Nat'l Wildlife Conservation Stamps, portraying American wild creatures. The 1957 sheet has 36 such brilliant adhesive stamps.

RECENT POST DOINGS:

☐ POST 146, Sayre, Okla., has made a "patient lift" available to residents of that community. Post had the device, which is used to lift invalids from beds to chairs, built in a local machine shop.

☐ POST 121, Little Falls, N. J., has qualified 90 boys in the Hunter Safety Course of the Nat'l Rifle Ass'n, a course required by N.J. law of all youths applying for their first hunting license. Three Post members have been certified as instructors by the N.R.A. and the N.J. Div. of Fish and Game. Post's resolution recommending such projects to other Posts throughout the State was adopted by the Dep't of New Jersey.

☐ POST 51, Hubbard, Ohio, had enrolled its 1957 membership quota of 77 by late Dec. 1956, and Post member Harry Summerville was largely responsible; he signed up 59 members.

☐ THE 15 CHARTER members who began Post 11, Mount Holly, N.J., on July 18, 1919, are all still alive, and 10 of them have held continuous membership in the Post. Post feels that this must be a record. If you can top it, write to Cmdr James H. Dowdy, Post 11, The American Legion, Mill and But-tonwood Sts., Mount Holly, N.J.

☐ POST 132, Kearns, Utah, was chartered only two years ago, but it is doing a membership job that older Posts could well copy. Its membership quota is 50, but as of Jan. 1 Post had enrolled 96 members.

☐ POST 501, New York, N.Y. (composed of veterans of the air services, and said to be the oldest Post of its kind in The American Legion), presented its William J. McGough Award to Mrs. Josephine Doolittle, wife of Lt. Gen. Jimmie Doolittle, USAFR, "for her contributions to aviation throughout the years." She is the second woman to win the annual award; the first was aviatrix Jacqueline Cochran.

☐ POST 295, Wollaston, Mass., dedicated its huge banquet hall to the late Col. Warren E. Sweetser, long a leader of the Post, on Feb. 14. Post gave Col. Sweetser a life membership on his 50th wedding anniversary in 1951, then voted never to give another—as a measure of its respect for Col. Sweetser.

☐ DETAILS OF Christmas parties and Christmas gifts for the needy continue to be reported:

POST 6, Cheyenne, Wyo., joined with Auxiliary Unit 6, the 40&8, and local business and civic organizations to provide a community Christmas basket for the needy. The project collected \$7,000 in food, clothing, toys, and cash donations, and distributed 276 baskets of food to the needy of Cheyenne.

post 17, Richmond, Va., conducted a Christmas party — complete with movie, magician, clowns, band, ice cream and other goodies, and gifts — for 700 underprivileged children in that community.

post 507, Newhall, Calif., sponsored a Christmas party for 675 children. Entertainment was provided by such performers as Legionnaire Gene Autry, Jimmy Wakely, Merle Travis, Johnny Bond, Monte Montana, Vern Goodrich, Barbara Bards, Carl Cotner, the Frontiersmen, and a local group, the Melody Squares.

post 1, Hamilton, Bermuda, distributed Christmas baskets containing turkey, ham, fruit, candy, and other foodstuffs to a local poorhouse, a society of the blind, and a needy family. Post also gave a check to children's hospital, and held a Christmas party for approximately 60 children of Legionnaires and their friends.

post 1276, Syracuse, N.Y., sponsored the settlement of Hungarian refugees Mr. and Mrs. Elemer Czeh and their two young children in that community. Post provided a furnished home which the Czehs occupied by Christmas. By early Jan. the father was working as a cabinetmaker, the school age child had started to go to school, and both parents were attending night school three times a week to learn English.

THIRTY BOYS from age 12 to 18 learn how to shoot and how to handle guns safely in the Junior Rifle Club of Post 93, Trenton, N.J. Their instructor, former Lt. Frank Jury of the N.J. State Police (he retired from the police in Jan.), emphasizes good manners, citizenship, and responsibility as well as how to handle weapons.

post 628, Cleveland, Ohio, has achieved outstanding membership success in the 1956-57 Legion year. It had reached its 1957 membership quota before the Ohio Dep't Convention was held last July, and it had enrolled more than 200 percent of its quota by last Veterans Day. Then on Jan. 3 Post 628 added still another feather to its membership cap when it initiated Marine Maj. Carl Sitter, who won the Congressional Medal of Honor in the Korean War.

post 513, Mt. Healthy, Ohio, honored five young men of that community at a Christmas party and awarded them The American Legion Medal of Heroism. The youthful heroes — Fred Hutchinson, Robert Grant, Kenneth Schultz, Daniel Jones, and Jerry Stormer — ignored their own personal safety to save the lives of three young children.

post 5, Brattleboro, Vt., helped its community to win a 1956 "All-America City" award sponsored by the Nat'l Municipal League and a national fortnightly magazine. Citizens of Brattle-

boro pitched in to build a living memorial — in the form of a 53-acre park — to residents of that city who served in WW2. Post contributed money and work to the project — cleared land and built a softball diamond.

post 430, Springfield, Mass., collected \$1,888.32 in the recent drive to raise funds to fight muscular dystrophy and \$966.50 in "Operation Blue Crutch," part of the campaign against polio.

THE CONTINUING existence of the Gen. Frederick Townsend Ward Post 1, Shanghai, China, which lists itself as operating in exile, is an act of defiance aimed at Communist China. The Post, composed of veterans who have resided in China, had 53 members enrolled for 1957 by late Jan. (among them: Gen. Claire Chennault of Flying Tiger fame). Post Cmdr C.A.S. Helseth, now living in Encino, Calif., reports that the Post will continue to function in exile until it can again open its clubhouse in Shanghai.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS:

THOMAS W. MILLER, Nat'l Executive Committeeman from Nevada, retired from his position as Representative of the Veterans Employment Service. He was Vice Chmn of the Paris Caucus.

THOMAS J. HERBERT, longtime Legionnaire, and Chmn of the Subversive Activities Control Board, elected mem-

ber of the Supreme Court of Ohio.

G. K. LINKOUS, Past Dep't Cmdr of Virginia (1944-45), named "Outstanding Citizen of 1956" by the Danville, Va., Kiwanis.

CHARLES F. HAMILTON, Chmn of The American Legion Boys State Committee, appointed to the youth advisory group of President Eisenhower's People-to-People Program, a movement to encourage international contacts by independent private groups and institutions.

ORVEL T. SHONK, Adj't of the Dep't of Hawaii, resigned. PERRY COOK is his successor.

JAMES F. DANIEL, JR., Chmn of The American Legion Nat'l Americanism Commission, elected President of the Greenville, S. C., County Community Council.

SUMNER G. WHITTIER, of Post 176, Everett, Mass., and former Lt. Governor of Massachusetts, appointed Chief Insurance Director of the Veterans Administration.

Died:

CHARLES MCCAMIC, secretary of the meeting called to organize The American Legion in West Virginia in 1919, and the first Adj't of that Dep't.

JOSEPH K. CARSON, JR., Past Dep't Cmdr of Oregon (1941-42), and former mayor of Portland; in Portland.

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Y. W. SCARBOROUGH, Past Dep't Cmdr of South Carolina (1943-44), and member of The American Legion Rehabilitation Insurance Advisory Committee.

BRIG. GEN. HEBER LOWREY MCALISTER, Past Dep't Cmdr of Arkansas (1945-46); in Conway, Ark.

JOHN J. O'BRIEN, Past Nat'l Executive Committeeman from Washington; in Los Angeles, Calif.

L. L. THOMPSON, who presided over the first caucus of The American Legion in Washington; in Tacoma. He attended the Paris and St. Louis Caucuses.

C. WAYLAND BROOKS, member of The American Legion Distinguished Guests Committee since 1941, and a former U. S. Senator from Illinois.

R. GRAHAM HUNTINGTON, Past Nat'l Vice Cmdr (1945-46), and Past Dep't Cmdr of New Jersey (1944-45); in Newark, N. J.

COMRADES IN DISTRESS

Space does not permit notices to contact persons for any purpose except to assist in establishing a claim for a veteran or his dependents. Statement to that effect should accompany notice.

Send notices to: Comrades in Distress, The American Legion Magazine, 720 Fifth Avenue, New York 19, New York.

Army

54th Coast Artillery—Need to hear from anyone who served with me at Sand Island, Hawaii, where I suffered a back injury. Write me, Gordon K. Erby, General Delivery, Las Vegas, Nev. Claim pending.

71st Div, 14th Inf, Co L—In 1945 my back was injured in Germany. Now need to learn the whereabouts of my company commander, Milo D. Kruschbaum (or Crischbaum), who was from Chicago, Ill., area. Write me, John Schellinski, 84 Hudson St., Sloan, Pa. Claim pending.

77th Div, 306th Inf, Co M—Need help on claim from men who served with me in WWI in the Argonne Forest where I was gassed. I recall: Capt Siebert (company commander); Mess Sgt Choen; Platoon Sgt Mike O'Grady; 1st Sgt Frank; James Conti (chief cook); and Pvts Harry Gittle, Rosetti Ferreri, Hagen, Archie Gillmore, John Wachacovitz, and Charley Hunt. The last three men were gassed when I was, and both Pvt Hagen's eyes were swelled shut by mustard gas. Write me, Albert H. Fisher, Spirit Lake, Idaho.

79th Div, 315th Inf, Co B—On July 12, 1943, my rifle jammed while we were on the range, and my eye was injured. Need to hear from anyone who served with me, particularly Lt Gray (company commander) and Lt Lock. Write me, Luther W. Miley, Box 88, R.D. 1, Quincy, Fla. Claim pending.

79th Div, 79th Sig Co—While laying wire during a problem at night when on maneuvers in Tenn. in 1943, I suffered a back injury. Need to hear from anyone who remembers me, especially Capt William A. Schiotti or Capt Foster (of S. Carolina). I also served with this outfit at Camp Blanding, Fla., in 1942. I may be remembered as a boxer; I fought under the name Lewin Williams from Jacksonville, Fla.; Sgt Gornick (Detroit, Mich.) was my trainer; several men from my company saw me box in Jacksonville. Write me, James L. Williams, Sr., VA Domiciliary, Thomasville, Ga. Claim pending.

82nd Div, 326th Inf, Co D (WWI)—Need to hear from anyone who remembers when the bomb dropped on the corrugated bunkhouse and killed Pvts Edwards, Kline, Pardee, and Bosier, and wounded Cpl Brodie of Cumberland, Md. Sgt Phelan may recall the incident because he gave me his bunk when he left to go to training school. Write me George

Howard, Grapeland, Tex. Claim pending.

354th Ord Maint Co AA—In Germany in June 1946 my late husband, T/5 Buck W. Kirby, suffered a serious back injury in a truck wreck when he was thrown from the back of the truck into a ditch. The truck was driven by a Sgt, and there were 7 other men on it. They had been in convoy for several days and were to move to Munich shortly. They had been on a 225-mi. drive and were almost back to the company when the accident occurred. My husband and Clarence Hess were the only ones injured. They were taken to the hospital by two men in a jeep. Hess was kept in the hospital, and my husband was sent back to the company after being X-rayed and given a shot of morphine. He suffered serious muscle injury. T/5 Kirby was in charge of officers quarters at the time of the accident and for several months. He was discharged in July 1946. Need to hear from anyone who recalls the accident, especially the two men in the jeep and the doctors at the hospital. Write me, Mrs. Buck W. Kirby, Box 486, R.D. 1, Lenoir, N. C. Claim pending.

362nd Engr Regt, Co F—I served on New Caledonia in 1943-45. I was in a truck wreck while going to duty in Oct. 1943, and I now need to hear from anyone who remembers me, especially S/Sgt King and Sgt Loung H. Pernell. My nickname was "Mac Fats." Write me, Freeman Caradine, Jr., Box 207, Route 3, Grenada, Miss. Claim pending.

1125th Armored FA Bn, Battery C—During a counter-battery firing mission at or near Poretta in Northern Italy about Mar. 16, 1945, I was going out of my dugout when the top of it gave way and hit my helmet. The helmet tipped forward and across the bridge of my nose. The dugout gave way as a result of enemy shellfire. Battery first aid men took me to the bn medics for treatment; the bn doctor bandaged the injury. Need to hear from anyone who served with this outfit, especially: James Farrell (a medic from N. Y. State); Philip Caruso (Jamaica Bay, N. Y.); Robert Gorman (N. Y.); Art Shaeffer (Voorheesville, N. Y.); Harry Rosmarin (N. Y.); Robert Shea (N. Y.); Donald Brady (Pa.). Write me, Sgt 1c Jack Petrone, U. S. Army Recruiting Office, City Hall, Batavia, N. Y.

Navy

1st Marine Div, 5th Regt, Co F, 2nd Platoon—Need help on claim from men who were near the cave at the mouth of the causeway on Peleliu about Oct. 1-6, 1944. I was in the bomb crater near the road a short distance from the bend in the road and the cave. I was the 2nd Platoon runner, and I was separated from Lt Hollingsworth (the officer in charge) during the night. I was suffering vomiting spells as day broke, and the Lt and a Sgt from Ohio came up and sent me back for treatment. After a few days treatment I went back to my outfit, and the next morning my left leg was injured by a piece of mortar shrapnel. I was a Pfc at the time. Write me, Robert E. Craig, 1208 Sonoma St. Chowchilla, Calif.

2nd MP Bn, Co C, USMC—When we stopped to permit a group of soldiers to cross the road, I was injured when a truck struck my jeep on Guam in Sept. or Oct. 1945. I was taken to the sickbay; Pfc Piggly, whose skull was fractured in the accident, was taken to the naval hospital. Need to locate Piggly, Harry Ransford (from near Indianapolis, Ind.), Herb Green (Miamisburg, Ohio), Col. Brocco (provost marshal), Lt "Swede" Anderson, and anyone who served with me or who recalls the accident. Write me, Clarence H. Ditton, 300 Holland Ave., Muncie, Ind. Claim pending.

51st Tank Lighter Crews, Base "Roses" (or "Rises"), Efate, New Hebrides—Need to contact Lt. Proudy, who was in charge of the engine room while we were sailing open waters (interisland) carrying supplies and ammo to ships Feb.-Nov. 1943. Write me, John Rudy, USNS Blue Jacket, T-AF 51, FPO, New York, N. Y.

SS Cornelius Vanderbilt—From Feb. to Sept. 1944 I was quartered with S 1c Bennie Marvin Pharris and S 1c Ovideo Ray Martinez aboard this ship in the Pacific. When we returned to shore duty, I was stationed with Pharris at Port Chicago, Calif., where I had frequent attacks of stomach trouble. After we were discharged, Pharris and I went to Dallas, Tex., together, and I suffered an attack on this trip. I was a Painter 3c when I was discharged. Need to locate Pharris and Martinez. Write me, John H. Pulliam, Somerville, Tenn. Claim pending.

USS Brownsville and USS Nellwood—Need to locate Harvey Ray Hoffman who served in these ships in WW 2. Also need to hear from anyone who served with him or who knows of his hospitalization at USCG base Point Loma, San Diego, in early 1944. Write me Ray W. Hoffman, 8357 Latty Road, St. Louis 21, Mo. Claim pending.

USS Union—In 1952 my late son, BM 3 Harry T. Young, jumped into the sea off Korea to rescue a friend who had fallen overboard at night. Both my son and the other man lost their lives. Need to hear from anyone who

knew my son or who knows of the incident. Write me, Mrs. W. H. Smith, 10446 Walbrook Drive, Houston, Tex.

Air

1st Combat Cargo Group, 1st Combat Cargo Sqdn—Need help on claim from men who served in the CBI with my late husband, **Capt Hartzel D. Hess**. He was serving in the CBI with this outfit on July 31, 1944. He suffered severe headaches which began while he was in the CBI; he wore dark glasses on all flights. Need to hear from anyone who served with him, particularly: 1st Lts Vernon A. Richter and John L. Purdum; 2nd Lts Lawrence M. Eichhorn, Gordon T. Blair, Constantine J. Kinnas, Leonard R. Whatley, and Louis Ware, Jr.; Maj Frank S. Aiken; Capt Jack G. Miller; Sgts Edward W. Heller and Jack D. Riner; Cpl William T. Cosgrove. Write me, Mrs. Helen R. Hess, M.R. 1, Box 42, Chesterton, Ind.

21st Troop Carrier Sqdn—In 1946 the late **Everett T. Watkins** suffered a back injury when he crashlanded on Guam. Need to hear from anyone who remembers him, particularly from Shatto and Keesee and from anyone who recalls the crash. Write Veterans Service Officer, Room 102, Courthouse, Tyler, Tex. Claim pending.

Alaska, Nakek Nakek, 2129th Engrs (also 57th Airdrome Group, Installations Sqdn)—In Sept. 1948 I was injured while loading fuel oil drums on a truck. Need help on claim from anyone who remembers me, especially **Berle E. Andler**, Calvin Dunn (Mass.), Herbert O'Connor or O'Connor (Boston, Mass.), Joseph R. Sumrall (Mobile, Ala.), Willie M. Reeder (Charlotte, N. C.), Clarence O. Shofield, and Capt Raymond E. Larson. Write me, (former Cpl) **Paul W. Murray**, 331 Oakwood Ave., Marietta, Ohio.

OUTFIT REUNIONS

Send notices to: **Outfit Reunions, The American Legion Magazine**, 720 Fifth Avenue, New York 19, New York.

Reunion will be held in month indicated. For particulars, write person whose address is given.

All Services

Ex-Prisoners of War—(June) **George W. Harper**, Box 9604, Center Point, Ala.

K-9 Corps (Military & Civilian Personnel who trained and handled dogs in WW2)—(Mar.) **Arnold D. Swartz**, 377 Leader St., Marion, Ohio.

Army

1st Med Regt—(Sept.) **Raymond E. Clapp**, 415 16th St., Silvis, Ill.

3rd Armored Div—(July) **Paul W. Corrigan**, 80 Federal St., Boston 10, Mass.

4th Cav—(Aug.) **M. J. Loberg**, Annandale, Minn.

10th Armored Div—(Aug.-Sept.) **R. L. Bollinger**, Pioneer, Ohio.

10th Inf, Co C—(Aug.) **August Rinehart**, R.D. 1, Saint Johns, Ohio.

12th Armored Div—(Aug.) **LeRoy W. Bensel**, 2557 Main St., Lawrenceville, N. J.

19th Gen Hosp—(July) **Edward J. Murphy**, 6403 W. 18th St., Berwyn, Ill.

23rd Engrs, Co C (WW1)—(Oct.) **Steve Mullery**, 305 Riverside Drive, New York 25, N. Y.

30th Div—(July) **Maj. Saul Solow**, 42 Parkway Drive, Hicksville, N. Y.

39th Sig Construction Bn—(June) **Jack Callahan**, 1030 Apgar Terrace, Rahway, N. J.

76th Div—(June) **Henry Evans**, 6 S. Calvert St., Baltimore, Md.

80th Div—(Aug.) **Charles Gainor**, 80th Div. Hq., Hotel Yorktowne, York, Pa.

83rd Div—(Aug.) **George Cooley**, 1459 Beechwood St. NE, Warren, Ohio.

85th Ord Co Heavy Maint Tank—(July) **Ralph Youtz**, R.D. 2, Selinsgrove, Pa.

93rd Armored FA Bn—(June) **Del Mar L. Beetzel**, 1st Natl. Bank, Springfield, Ill.

103rd FA, Btry B (WW1)—(May) **Frank C. Kenyon**, 160 Edgewood Blvd., Providence 5, R. I.

106th Div—(July) **James E. Wells**, Hepzibah, Ga.

112th Cav—(June) **Wm. H. Hill**, 724 Wilson Bldg., Dallas, Tex.

138th FA, 2nd Bn (later 198th FA Bn)—(Aug.) **Granvil T. Speck**, Box 229P, R.D. 9, Indianapolis 19, Ind.

150th MG Bn, Co C—(June) **August Steinert**, 1411 Ohio Ave., Oshkosh, Wis.

198th FA Bn (formerly 138th FA, 2nd Bn)—(Aug.) **Granvil T. Speck**, Box 229P, R.D. 9, Indianapolis 19, Ind.

222nd Inf, Co G (WW2)—(Aug.) **Bob Kubik**, 528 N. Morgan, Rushville, Ind.

258th Engr C Bn—(Mar.) **Philip J. Gallagher**, 402 Wood St., Burlington, N. J.

305th FA—(Apr.) **Thomas Carbone**, 28 E. 39th St., New York, N. Y.

308th Inf Regt, Co I (AEF)—(Apr.) **Jerome Steinhart**, 2425 Kings Highway, Brooklyn 29, N. Y.

351st Inf, Co I (WW1)—G. T. Larson, Willis, Kans.

364th Ord Maint Co (AA)—(Apr.) **Anthony Costello**, 178 Ave. P, Brooklyn 4, N. Y.

366th Ord Maint Co (AA)—(Sept.) **Lonnie E. Baker**, Westfield, Ill.

385th AAA Bn—(June) **Theodore R. Stepp**, 2015 Woodleaf Road, Salisbury, N. C.

406th AAA Gun Bn and 367th Combat Engrs—(July) **Norman F. Hedglin**, 128 E. Pine St., Dunmore 12, Pa.

409th Inf, Co D—(Sept.) **Anthony Maranto**, Box 56, Harbert, Ohio.

464th MP Escort Guard Co—(Mar.) **Joe Rinzier**, 334 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn 25, N. Y.

555th QM Railroad Co (WW2)—(June) **W. Keith Thomas**, Cainsville, Mo.

566th QM Railroad Co—(July) **J. Raymond Lewis**, 120 N. Allen St., Centralia, Mo.

665th Amm Ord Co—(Sept.) **George D. Boss, Jr.**, 5150 S. Hoyle Ave., Chicago 9, Ill.

761st FA Bn (WW2)—(Aug.) **Bernard Reddy**, 2419 Adrian St., Harrisburg, Pa.

770th FA Bn, Btry C—(Aug.) **Clyde Peterson**, Box 185, Woodhull, Ill.

974th Engr Maint Co—(May) **Charles W. Thomas**, 3148 Clifford Ave., Covington, Ky.

1252nd Engr (C) Bn—(June) **Henry J. Seip**, 406 Pine St., Tamaqua, Pa.

Americal Div—(May) **Alex Mitchell**, 20 Rochelle St., Worcester, Mass.

Navy

8th Seabees—(Sept.) **Edward Sanford**, 15 Elliott Road, Trumbull, Conn.

17th Seabees—(Aug.) **Kent H. King**, 103 Thayer Ave., Mankato, Minn.

24th Seabees—(Aug.) **G. G. Fitzpatrick**, 16 W. 10th St., New York 11, N. Y.

45th Seabees—(June) **Ray Nesbitt**, P.O. Box 3, Oak Park, Ill.

75th Seabees—(Aug.) **Fred Smith**, 920 Kingdom Ave., Danville, Ill.

Bunker Hill NAS—(May) **Robert W. Ward**, 11 N. Water St., Peru, Ind.

LST 616—(July) **Gerald Duxbury**, 53 Seaman Road, West Orange, N. J.

USS Chicago (1917-20 Crew)—(Apr.) **Paul A. Kline**, 17 W. Park Ave., Oaklyn 6, N. J.

USS Delta—(Aug.) **Charles Reed**, 304 Derwyn Road, Drexel Hill, Pa.

USS Oklahoma (WW1 and Commissioning Crew)—(May) **E. H. Lutz**, 673 Lindley Road, Glenside, Pa.

USS Warren—(May) **William J. Peters**, 28-4 Harris Place, Paterson 4, N. J.

Air

1st Day Bombardment Group, 20th Aero Sqdn—(June) **Henry L. McCabe**, 3244 Southern Ave. SE, Washington 20, D. C.

Sookerting, APO 467: Sqdns A, B, C, and D of ATC; 165th Ord Co; Medics—(Aug.) **Winfield Burke**, R.D. 5, Chillicothe, Ohio.

THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS DECEMBER 31, 1956

ASSETS

Cash on hand and on deposit....	\$ 750,456.45
Receivables	111,356.81
Inventories	545,575.32
Invested Funds	1,454,388.95
Trust Funds:	
Overseas Graves Decoration Trust Fund	259,966.51
Employees Retirement Trust Fund	2,116,123.97
Real Estate	978,243.65
Furniture and Fixtures, less Depreciation	218,841.88
Deferred Charges	125,691.60
	<u>\$6,560,645.14</u>

LIABILITIES, DEFERRED REVENUE AND NET WORTH

Current Liabilities	\$ 408,447.89
Funds restricted as to use	40,513.01
Deferred Income	2,384,763.62
Trust Funds:	
Overseas Graves Decoration Trust Fund	259,966.51
Employees Retirement Trust Fund	2,116,123.97
Net Worth:	
Reserve Fund	23,852.30
Restricted Fund ..	19,213.15
Real Estate	978,243.65
Reserve for Washington Building	18,529.37
Reserve for Rehabilitation	482,313.54
Reserve for Child Welfare	42,762.42
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LET'S LOOK AT OUR OWN CANAL

(Continued from page 13)

our canal for a long time, and intends to have it. That's where Alger Hiss came in.

And who was Alger Hiss? A self-effacing young attorney who had entered Government through a side door. During the heyday of the New Deal he had been one of the proliferating legal eagles in Henry Wallace's Agriculture Department—and, in that post, a member of a communist cell. The story of Alger Hiss is the story of an almost unbelievable climb to power. A man of no remarkable ability, Hiss for some mysterious reason had the backing of the very highest echelon in Washington. This was so true that by the time he was tried in 1950 for lying while under oath he could produce character endorsements from the mightiest figures in the land. President Truman had obliged with the famed "red herring" remark. Secretary of State Acheson publicly had professed undying friendship for Hiss. Two members of the United States Supreme Court (Justices Frankfurter and Reed) broke all precedent by appearing, of their own volition, as character witnesses at the trial. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt more than once served as apologist for Alger Hiss in her nationally syndicated newspaper effusion. Government officials elbowed each other for the privilege of testifying in the defendant's behalf, among them the President's ambassador at large in Europe, Phillip K. Jessup—who has an odium of his own as one of the clique that made possible the rise of Red China. Another first-person testimonial to the purity of the Hiss character came from a former Government employee who had become Governor of

the State of Illinois. His name was Adlai Stevenson.

And all of this was going on despite the fact that Whittaker Chambers, a brilliant *Time* editor, disillusioned with the communist apparatus he had been serving, long since had blown the whistle on Alger Hiss. As long ago as 1939 Chambers had gone to Assistant Secretary of State A. A. Berle, then in charge of State Department security, and had revealed to Berle—with names—the existence of two red spy rings operating at stratospheric levels within the U. S. Government. One of these networks, said Chambers, functioned in the Department of State. The man knew what he was talking about; he had been a courier for that very ring.

Among the names Chambers gave Berle was that of Alger Hiss.

Hiss then was a State Department officer. So was his brother Donald, and Chambers said Donald, like Alger, was a communist. He did not say Donald was engaged in espionage.

In time Berle was to claim he had relayed Chambers' astonishing revelations to the White House, only to have an irate Franklin D. Roosevelt snap that the bearer of these unwelcome tidings (meaning Berle, not Chambers) could "go jump in the lake, only in coarser language."

Chambers never heard from Berle again. Nearly a decade later, however, Berle informed the House Committee on Un-American Activities that

"... I checked on the two Hiss boys ... with Dean Acheson. ... Acheson said he had known the family and those two boys since childhood

and he could vouch for them absolutely. I further checked and found that Mr. Justice Frankfurter would give them an exactly similar endorsement. ..."

So Comrade Hiss stayed in his sensitive State Department post, as did brother Donald, and the United States of America wheeled nearer that brink over which nations plunge into oblivion.

Nevertheless, the whistle went on blowing. In due course another State Department official, Julian Wadleigh, confessed that he too had been a member of the Soviet spy ring Chambers exposed—the one in our State Department. Wadleigh's sworn testimony solidly backs what Chambers said under oath.

So Alger Hiss was thrown out of the State Department, arrested, and everyone except Hiss lived happily ever after? Not a bit of it. Let a then Congressman, Richard Nixon, tell—in an excerpt from a 1950 speech to the House of Representatives—what happened to the traitors and communist spies Whittaker Chambers had identified so many years before:

"... the only thing that was done to them was to promote each one of them eventually to higher positions of power and influence within the Government."

Hiss had beaten the rap. He had protection on high, and now he was free to carry on his subversive work in the topmost levels of our Government. Small wonder he played for high stakes. And taking the Panama Canal away from the 160-odd million of U. S. citizens who own it was big business in any gambler's language.

Mr. Ricardo Alfaro, president of the Panamanian delegation to the U.N., arose one day in 1946 to inform the Political Commission of the General Assembly of that wordy organization that,

"The strip of land known as the Panama Canal Zone has been neither purchased, conquered, annexed, ceded, nor leased, nor has its sovereignty been transferred by Panama to the United States. The United States administers this strip of land by virtue of a very specific stipulation in article II of the treaty concluded between the Republic of Panama and the United States on the 18th of November 1903, which reads as follows:

"The Republic of Panama grants to the United States the use, occupation, and supervision of a zone of land covered with water for the construction, maintenance, operation, sanitation and protection of the said canal. ..."

That 1903 treaty (by which the U. S.



"The kids had waffles and syrup for lunch today."

also recognized the existence of Panama) was a gentlemanly agreement, beneficial, as was the odd custom of diplomacy in those days, to both sides. Later came the disastrous new treaty of 1936, which saw the now more "progressive" United States hard at work handing back vital prerogatives obtained in 1903. One of the privileges the original treaty had given us was the right to construct defenses outside the Canal Zone, if necessary, for the "protection of the said canal. . . ." In 1936, however, we insisted that this was all rather silly; we would be absolutely charmed to give up that right, along with a lot of others, if Panama thought it was rude of us to retain it.

Panama thought it was. We gave it up.

For which bit of hemispheric cooperation and good will Uncle Sam was going to have to pay through his big generous nose — and soon.

When the Americans entered World War II, Panama allowed herself to be persuaded, for a price, to give the United States "the temporary use for defense purposes" of acreage in various parts of the Panamanian isthmus. On that land we planned to establish U. S. bases for the protection of the said canal — and for the incidental protection of the Republic of Panama. In all, 134 such bases were to be built.

Having agreed to buy the leases, the keepers of our Federal purse went on to promise that we would stop occupying those bases one year after the signing of the definitive treaty of peace which, it was expected, would terminate the war. Under Secretary of State Sumner Wells took the precaution of saying that when we referred to a definitive treaty of peace that is exactly what we meant — not a truce, armistice, or cease-fire arrangement.

Nazi Germany collapsed, and after a due interval Japan surrendered. But the first anniversaries of these events came and went without the slightest sign of a treaty of peace, definitive or otherwise. Never one to let a technicality stand in the way of its schemes, international communism now loosed its dogs on us. Panamanian reds went at the United States hammer and sickle. "Americans go home!" they screamed in two languages, each with a Moscow accent.

In a neat if not gaudy parallel, the U.S.S.R. delegation to the U.N. chose this moment to proclaim, from the world forum of that Tower of Babel, that the bases in Panama only proved the U. S. was a dirty warmonger.

In those days, even as Under Secretary, Dean Acheson was calling the shots in our State Department. Everyone in State's old dusty wedding-cake building next door to the White House was aware of this. Everyone knew, too,

that Acheson's favorite was disarmingly boyish-looking Alger Hiss.

Hiss had become director of the Department's exceedingly influential Office of Special Political Affairs. Influential? It should be enough to state that this nation's relations with the U. N. were grasped firmly in the hands of Alger Hiss.

At this juncture, while communists were agitating against us on all fronts and the U. N. was getting its suntan in the heat of Soviet anti-U.S. oratory, the Governor of the Panama Canal Zone — an American appointee — chanced to transmit to the Department of State his routine annual report.

In due course that report reached the desk of Alger Hiss. With dedicated fingers Hiss transmuted it into a time bomb. He decreed the report must be transmitted to the United Nations.

The bomb began to tick.

Into his order Alger Hiss had slipped a word more explosive than a nuclear weapon. He'd stated that the U. S. was "required" to turn the Canal Zone report over to the U. N. *Required*. Giving his authority for that stand, Hiss cited Article 73(c) of the United Nations Charter. This article directs U. N. members

"which have or assumed responsibilities for the administration of territories whose peoples have not yet attained a full measure of self-government . . . to transmit regularly to the secretary general . . . statistical and other information of a technical nature relating to economic, social, and educational conditions in the territories for which they are respectively responsible. . . ."

And who had written the U. N. Charter, or most of it?

Alger Hiss!

The charter's words about autonomy were a steel trap. If Hiss led the State Department into the snare, our Government would be on record as proclaiming to the world that the people who lived in the Canal Zone "have not yet attained a full measure of self-government," as Hiss and his fellow plotters had put it when they were writing Article 73(e). And what is the corollary to this idea? Why, that *the people of the Panama Canal Zone are on their way to self-government*.

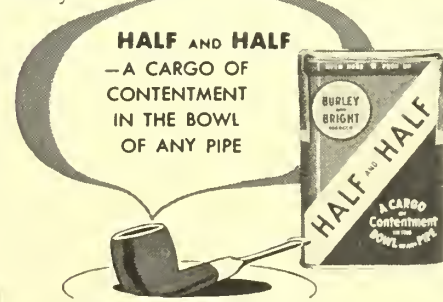
They aren't. They can't be. Self-government is not in the cards for the Canal Zone; the U. S. and Panama settled that point in 1936. The only persons who may reside in the zone are officials, employees, military personnel on duty and their families. If you are not occupied in work relating directly to the canal you can't live in the zone. Panama's own Mr. Alfaro underscored the status of zone inhabitants in his November



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1946 U. N. speech:

"... the population ... has no ... political aspirations for independence or self-government."

But if Mr. Hiss could trick our nation into affirming, as official U. S. policy, the wobbly premise of Article 73(e), the United States was going to find itself saddled with having identified the Panama Canal Zone as a full-fledged U. S. Territory. Now, Hawaii and Alaska are Territories of the United States, and so was Puerto Rico at the time Hiss was maneuvering to get the Canal Zone similarly categorized. Today Puerto Rico has a somewhat more independent existence, halfway between that of the Alaska-Hawaii Territories and the entirely free Philippines. Today Puerto Rico is a self-ruling "commonwealth," and is associated with the United States in much the same way that commonwealth Canada is associated with England.

Enters now a character new to this soiled drama: a genuine American. In October 1945, after 14 years of service as head of delegations to pan-American commercial conferences and conferences of American nations, with hitches betimes as U. S. Ambassador to Argentina, Colombia, and finally Cuba, this man became Assistant Secretary of State for Latin American Affairs. It is in the latter capacity that we shall know him. His name is Spruille Braden.

For years Braden had been warning our increasingly pinkish Government that commies were penetrating the other American republics, but nobody in the Department of State would listen. They'd ignored Whittaker Chambers, too, when Chambers revealed the existence of a Soviet spy net within the Department itself.

It was two of Braden's assistants — William Cochran of the Assistant Secretary's office and Murray Wise of the Panama desk — who were the first to learn that Hiss was scheming to present that Canal Zone Governor's report to the U. N. Protesting, the two found themselves involved in a furious argument with the Office of Special Political Affairs, the key division headed by Alger Hiss. Wise and Cochran went to the legal division of the State Department for advice. There they conferred with Miss Ann O'Neill (under oath, Braden later was to term her "a very competent lawyer, and a very sturdy soul"). The lady lawyer said the two were entirely right; Hiss shouldn't forward the report.

But when this was duly reported to the Office of Special Political Affairs, the legal division's opinion was simply brushed aside. Cochran and Wise were up against a blank wall. They turned to their chief, Spruille Braden.

The Assistant Secretary could smell

this special poison Hiss was distilling deep in the gloomy recesses of the ancient State Department building. But if he cried the alarm would anybody listen? His previous warnings about subversion and penetration had fallen upon deaf ears. Yet Braden knew, as he was to testify, that the Hiss proposal to hand the Canal Zone report to the U. N. under Article 73(e) or any other pretext was "a thoroughly bad move" which would bring "the United Nations into something where they had no right to be."

"Mr. GRIMES. It might give them a claim to some stake in the operation of the Panama Canal?"

Mr. BRADEN. Exactly."

A "stake in the operation" of the world's crossroads was putting it mildly indeed. Braden realized that if Acheson's fair-haired boy won now, the U. N. was quite likely to wind up running not only the Canal Zone but everything in it — locks, stocks, and waterway.

Meanwhile, in New York, the United Nations General Assembly had declared itself in session. This automatically involved our State Department — which is to say that during such times Alger Hiss was more important than ever.

For our State Department deliberately to give the U. N. an opportunity to get its hands on the Canal Zone and the zone's defenses was, Spruille Braden knew, colossal folly. He decided the best plan was for the Panamanian chief U. N. delegate, Mr. Alfaro (who was also a former President of Panama and its Foreign Minister) to come down to Washington, where the matter of those bases could be treated as what it was: the private business of Panama and the United States.

Still trying to stop Hiss from forwarding the dangerous report to the United Nations, Assistant Secretary of State Braden found himself with no course but to report the move to the man next above him in the administrative hierarchy, the Under Secretary of State.

"The CHAIRMAN. Who was that?"

Mr. BRADEN. Mr. Acheson. I remember very vividly that I went in to see Mr. Acheson. I think Mr. Hiss had already been there for some time ... When I tried to state my case, Mr. Acheson, as a lawyer, agreed with Mr. Hiss, and I didn't even have a chance to state my case. I remember that I came out of that meeting boiling with rage. ...

Senator WELKER. Mr. Hiss was present there?

Mr. BRADEN. Oh, yes. ..."

The infuriated Assistant Secretary emerged from Acheson's office with one piece of new knowledge, for what it might be worth. Hiss had made the remark that the Canal Zone report was

being submitted to the U. N. only "on a pragmatic basis," as Braden phrased it in his 1954 testimony before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. "What that means, I don't know," Spruille Braden observed, "but that was supposed to take care of our objections, which needless to say, it did not."

Pragmatism, by name, is an old favorite of the Marxists. It is the philosophy of self-interest, laced with the lack of moral principles. "Whatever works for me is good," is about the way a communist puts it, "and whatever is good is true." This means that to the communist or the communist's twin, the socialist, there can be no absolute truth. It happens that this is a viewpoint which denies, among other things, the existence of God. Yet even a self-proclaimed atheist like Nikita Khrushchev calls upon God when invoking a Dicty is convenient. To your pragmatist (and Karl Marx intended all communists to be pragmatists) a thing becomes true whenever, and while, it is useful.

While Hiss and Acheson were being pragmatic, Braden was being practical. He checked with the Pentagon, to find out just how important those bases in Panama really were. The answer was startling: the bases "were vitally necessary for the security of the Panama Canal—therefore, of the United States." The words were Braden's but the opinion was that of our top military thinkers.

Alger Hiss was using pragmatism as a weapon, and it threatened to drive the American Armed Forces from the Republic of Panama.

With cold fury, Braden's testimony went on:

"You can, therefore, imagine my utter astonishment when one morning I picked up the Washington Post at my apartment and here on the front page was an announcement that we had reported to the United Nations on the Canal Zone as an occupied territory."

This was even worse than Braden had feared. He continued,

"When I read that, I realized that was really putting the fat in the fire in our relations with Panama in the substantiation of the Russian allegations and in our relations with all of the American Republics; it was . . . a nasty situation.

Mr. GRIMES. In other words, our State Department had officially reported it to the U. N., that Panama was one of our occupied territories?

Mr. BRADEN. Yes. . . ."

The guileless-seeming Mr. Hiss had laid this nation's neck squarely on the U. N. chopping block. Not only was he trying to give away the Panama Canal, but he and Dean Acheson were arrogantly insulting Panama and all our

other hemispheric neighbors with their poppycock about an occupied territory.

Furthermore, the two old friends were engaged in awarding the U. N. a controlling hand in the conduct of our foreign affairs.

"Mr. GRIMES. This was a matter under your jurisdiction as Assistant Secretary of State for Latin American Affairs?

Mr. BRADEN. Exactly.

Mr. GRIMES. You learned about it for the first time in the newspapers?

Mr. BRADEN. I learned about it for the first time in the newspapers.

Mr. GRIMES. What did you do?

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Mr. BRADEN. I dropped the newspaper, and I tore down to the State Department. I called in the Director of the Office of American Republics Affairs . . . and my first special assistant . . . and . . . the officer on the Panamanian desk. I may say I was using some pretty strong language around the place at this outrage. None of them knew any more about it than I. They also had read it in the newspapers. We then tried to run it down, and we found that this report had been submitted and the employment of the words 'occupied territory' by the Office of Special Political Affairs, that is to say, Mr. Alger Hiss. . . ."

Braden had protested when Hiss first proposed to transmit the Zone Governor's report to the U. N., and Acheson had sustained his protégé. Emboldened by this victory, Hiss had gone a revealing degree farther. Not only was he telling the world the Panama Canal Zone was a U. S. "territory," but he was identifying it officially as an *occupied* "territory."

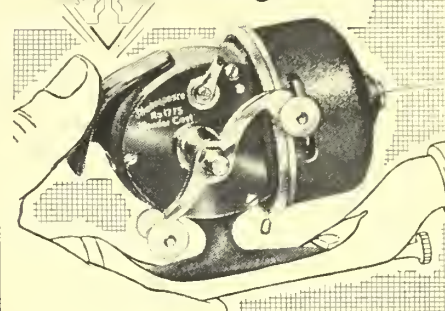
The Assistant Secretary's testimony continued:

". . . I immediately went from my office . . . to the office of the Acting Secretary of State with fire in my eye.

The CHAIRMAN. Who was that?

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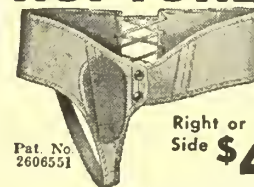
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Mr. BRADEN. Mr. Dean Acheson. I went down to demand this report be withdrawn from the United Nations. Mr. Acheson said, that 'We can't do anything about it. Where is Mr. Hiss?'

Where, indeed, was Mr. Hiss?

With ferocious restraint, Mr. Braden went on with his testimony:

"Mr. Hiss was not to be found that day in Washington. He had left his home. He had not come to his office. He was presumed to be in some meetings, but his office said that he had not come in, that they had telephoned to the places where he was presumed to be but they couldn't find him anywhere. That whole day went by without the appearance of Mr. Alger Hiss. . . ."

As the subcommittee was to put it nine years later, and put it magnificently, "Alger Hiss seemed to have opened a Pandora's box of trouble for the United States and then vanished from his office so the box could not be closed."

The hours wore on. Still no Mr. Hiss.

Spruille Braden knew the State Department was letting the ball go by without taking the bat off its shoulder. As he put it to the senatorial subcommittee, "We ought to have hit it and we didn't."

By 5 p.m. the Department's business day was concluding. Now Alger Hiss could safely show himself, and he did. He went directly to Acheson's office. Braden didn't happen to be present at the time, but one of his assistants was. Thus Braden was able to outline the scene to the Senators:

" . . . Mr. Acheson had sustained Mr. Hiss and Mr. Hiss had been very apologetic. He had been very

charming about it. He said that he was oh, so sorry; that, of course, this should have been submitted to the Office of American Republics Affairs. We should have been consulted before this was submitted to the United Nations, but it was just one of those things that happened . . . a mistake somewhere, and he was very regretful about it."

Dean Acheson, as usual, agreed with Hiss. And when Hiss went on to assert that the report could not possibly be withdrawn from the U. N. now, Acheson concurred once more.

The Acting Secretary of State had spoken. The decision was final.

So, testified Mr. Braden,

"That is where the thing rested. We did subsequently get Mr. Alfaro down to Washington. We did have negotiations that were carried on for some time. We kept the bases as long as I was Assistant Secretary of State, up until June 28, 1947, but I think it was the fall of 1947 that I read that we had to give up those bases which our military said were highly essential for the defense of the canal and of the United States."

Communist agent Hiss, allied with Dean Acheson, had handed the United States a major military defeat by causing the loss of 134 bases—intact and operating—in a single catastrophic rout.

Even more important than the surrender of those bastions, Hiss — with Acheson's backing — had established a diplomatic precedent of the gravest possible danger. Who can say the United Nations will not decide some day (and that day could be tomorrow) to take the

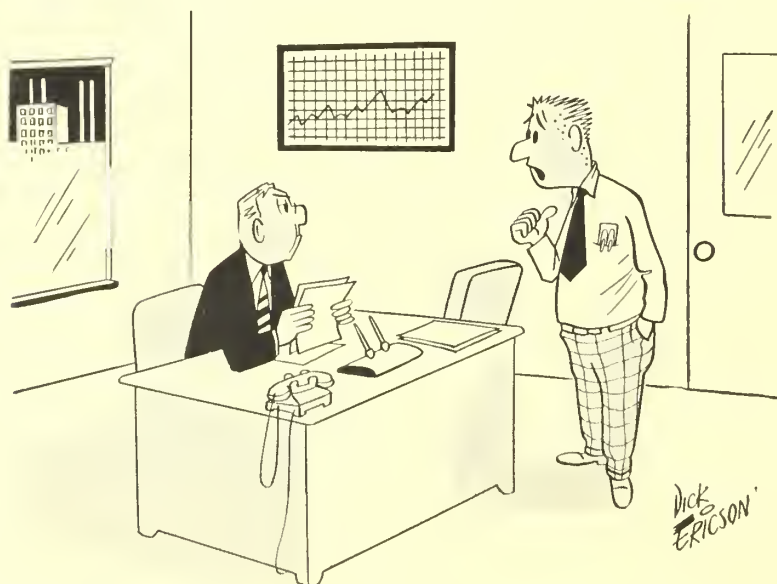
U. S. at Alger Hiss' word? Hiss and Acheson gave the U. N. a legal right to insist that the Panama Canal Zone is exactly what our State Department said it was: a territory occupied and held by the United States. If that happens, the next step is for the U. N. to want to mandate the zone away from us and control it in its own fashion.

Then the United Nations may expand that vicious concept created for it by Alger Hiss so the U. N. can control actual territories of the United States. The Senate subcommittee noted gravely that if Article 73(e) could be distorted by our State Department to apply to the Canal Zone, it can be twisted to apply to Alaska and Hawaii, and possibly even to Puerto Rico.

In an annual report published in 1955, the subcommittee made what might be the understatement of the decade. "Alger Hiss," observed this Government document, "exercised remarkable ingenuity in applying Article 73(e) to the detriment of the United States."

Is the Panama Canal really so important that high officials of our Government will commit treasonable acts to help our sworn enemy gain control of the Big Ditch? The answer is almost too simple: *The Panama Canal is our jugular vein, our lifeline.* Cut it and the United States dies. Wrest it from our control and in matters of seaborne commerce and naval defense the U. S. east and west coasts again become, as once they were, months instead of days apart. Block it and our foreign commerce strangles. Take it away from us and we have no further right to establish defenses so far to the south. The result will be that then our hemispheric relations will change, and our foreign policy must change, and no man on earth can say what might happen to this nation once that chain reaction is set in motion.

Christopher Columbus recognized the need for a transisthmian waterway in Panama. A few years later Spain's emperor tried to start such a canal, but was deterred when his governor reported that "All the gold in the world would not suffice for its construction." Simon Bolivar, the Latin American liberator, was the next who sought to dig the canal, but even Bolivar could not get the cooperation of the other American governments. French engineers who had created the Suez Canal spent nine years and 300 million dollars in Panama in actual excavation and failed. There was no canal until the United States of America undertook the job. Within the limits of a ten-mile-wide strip of swampy jungle and rainforested mountains we did what no other individual, ruler, company, country, or combination of nations had been able to do. We dug the Panama Canal.



"Okay, no raise. Then how about making me exempt from all office collections?"

Now our foe wants to "internationalize" our interoceanic waterway — which is another way of saying the worldwide communist conspiracy, from its headquarters in the Kremlin, wants to trick us out of our most precious and most strategically valuable holding. And there are blind men and fools who — together with the conscious agents of the U.S.S.R. — are willing to let this catastrophe happen.

Alger Hiss didn't altogether succeed in giving away the Panama Canal, Hawaii, Alaska, and the rest. But with the aid and backing of Secretary of State Acheson he sowed the tares of evil. It is probable that Hiss *would* have succeeded, back there in 1946, had it not been for the fight put up by Spruille Braden and a few other loyal Americans. This nation had better thank God that there are a handful of patriots manning the front line of our already beleaguered defenses against communist engulfment.

Hiss may yet have the last laugh. Western diplomats quip wryly that "Dag Hammarskjold is now America's Acting Secretary of State." Acheson and Hiss gave Hammarskjold's United Nations the lever by which that mischiefmaking organization can pry our canal and our territorial possessions away from us.

It can't happen here, you say? It *can* happen here. It *is* happening here. Ignorance, naivete, wishful thinking, and our shameful groveling at Geneva, together with our current happy collaboration with the Kremlin over the Suez crisis, are making us sitting ducks. The same old enemy still says he will destroy us, and we assure ourselves that this can't happen either. The communist half of the world is staking its life upon the bet that it *can*.

Alger Hiss no longer is an officer of our Department of State. But Hiss left his boobytraps behind him. He didn't work alone. Others took up where Hiss left off. In a speech in April 1956, and more recently in a book, Mr. Bryton Barron, for a quarter of a century a responsible official of the United States Department of State (until he was forced to "retire" for protesting to his superiors about some of the strange things he saw going on around him), put his finger on the key fact: *men once close to Alger Hiss remain in positions of power in our Department of State.*

Still no one has bettered Edmund Burke's wonderful words of two centuries ago: "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing."

So long as we are content to smile and smile and co-exist, the Hisses will go on working. They will carry on their treason until Americans are slaves, and God and country exist for us no more.

THE END

CATFISHING CAN BE FUN

(Continued from page 19)

Not long ago I stopped along the bank of a southern Ohio pond to talk with Art Newdigate, a famous catfisherman in his locality. Art has long since forgotten how many catfish he has caught in recent years. A good day is one in which he takes from 40 to 60 pounds of catfish. Not long ago Art and his wife took 268 pounds of catfish from one small pay lake in three days. He and a companion took another 127 pounds from the same lake in one 12-hour period. It's no wonder the other fishermen watch Art and make use of his techniques to tempt the cats.

When I found Art, he already had 16 fine channel cats on his stringer, the fruits of an hour and a half's fishing. And every so often he'd take time to pull in another one. "I like to go catfishing in either a stream or a lake," Art said. "Lot of fun either way. But catching cats in streams is not the same as catching 'em in lakes. You have to know the difference."

Art Newdigate likes to fish for cats in the small lakes. He has fished for 20 years, and once spent most of his time trying to outwit bass. Then after returning from his tour of naval duty in the Pacific during World War II, he turned to catfishing. He studied catfishing and

finally worked out a method of catching them in lakes that almost always pays off in fish.

When Art goes catfishing on the lakes, he leaves his spinning gear at home. Instead he takes along a heavy 10-foot bamboo pole. This rod is equipped with a casting reel and 100 yards of 20-pound-test line. "You don't need a line that strong to bring the fish in," he says, "but the line takes a lot of pressure when you make long casts." And Art tries to cast about 200 feet out into the lake.

He uses a large hook and heavy sinker. He also threads his line through a large tubular floater to keep the bait off the bottom. He can adjust the floater to any depth, and this, he explains, is important in fishing lakes.

You never know when you start fishing in a lake what the catfish would most like to eat and at what level in the lake they would like it served. So the expert catfisherman first learns these things, then settles down to serious fish catching. Art starts out fishing at six feet deep. He makes a long cast and begins to move the bait back toward shore with very slow turns of the reel. He'll move the bait a few inches, then stop, then move it a few inches more. And he keeps an eagle eye on the floater so that

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But if he brings the bait all the way in without a bite, he sets his floater so the bait rides about a foot deeper on the next cast. He tries every level all the way to the bottom, then tries it above six feet. If by that time he hasn't had a strike, he changes bait and starts over again. This businesslike approach is the main reason for Art's reputation as a catfisherman.

When you go catfishing, take along a variety of baits. Art Newdigate carries black roaches, soft craws, nightcrawlers, dead minnows, and smelt. Many a confirmed catfisherman has invented his own bait. These are usually doughballs made of flour and cornmeal and flavoring, and the stronger the flavoring the better. Oldtime catfishermen who have concocted their own smelly catfish bait usually get secretive about its contents, and until you have experience enough to invent your own bait you'll have to rely on the more common ones—and the common ones are usually sufficient. Some fishermen offer the catfish chicken entrails, chunks of fresh liver, or even a piece of yellow laundry soap, any of which may entice them.

River catfishermen really get excited when the water is roily and rising slowly. This is when the cats bite and the big strings of fish are taken. The catfish don't have to see the bait, for in catfish fashion they'll locate it by odor or just bump into it.

Catfish feed more at night than they do during the day. When you fish the streams in daytime, you're most likely to catch them by drifting bait through the deep holes. Work the bait around the rocks and sunken logs. If you can't reach these spots by letting the bait drift, try short, quiet casts. At night on the streams you're likely to catch them in the riffles or near the shore.

The main thing is to be able to feed the fish plenty of line without arousing his suspicions. Here a spinning outfit is good. You can cast your bait into the

current and leave the bail on the reel up so the monofilament line strips off smoothly. This permits a fish to take the bait and carry it off without realizing that there are strings attached.

In most cases the weight of the bait is enough to keep the bait on or near the bottom without using sinkers. Catfish do most of their feeding on the bottom; so that's where you let the bait drift. You can use a bobber if you want to, but it's not a necessity.

The best baits for catfishing in the streams include hellgrammites, minnows, crawfish, and especially worms and nightcrawlers (which probably take more catfish than all other baits combined).

Whatever the bait, remember that if you want to catch catfish you have to hide the hook. If a catfish feels the hook when he picks up the bait, you'll never see him. He will usually take the bait and try to carry it back to his favorite corner of the stream. Let him run with it and don't put any pressure on the line. When he stops, set the hook with a firm twitch of the rod. Then is when the fun starts, for a catfish is a stubborn and ornery fighter that can test the skill of any angler. He's so strong that if you try to horse him in on light tackle you may break the line. So you keep the slack out of the line and work the fish gently toward you until you wear him down.

And, in addition to the sport they offer, catfish are fine table fare. Whenever I go south, I make it a point to eat catfish and hush puppies at least once. The best are small catfish, eight and 10 inches long, skinned and dipped in corn meal and fried in deep fat. All catfish should be skinned before they're eaten. They're at their best in the spring.

But whether you go catfishing for the catching or the eating here is a fine sport for anyone who likes to spend some of his spare time out in the open. Don't let the muddy water and the bass shortage discourage you. Just switch to catfishing.

THE END

WHO SAID THAT?

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1. Col. William Prescott, at Battle of Bunker Hill, Mass., June 17, 1775.
2. Patrick Henry, in a speech in Richmond, Va., Mar. 23, 1775.
3. Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, reporting on victory at Battle of Lake Erie, Sept. 10, 1813.
4. Capt. James Lawrence, commander of the frigate *Chesapeake*, during its engagement with the British ship *Shannon*, June 1, 1813.
5. Capt. John Parker, at Battle of Lexington, Mass., Apr. 19, 1775.
6. Nathan Hale, upon the gallows just before being hanged as a spy by the

- British in New York, on Sept. 22, 1776.
7. John Paul Jones, when summoned to surrender as his ship, the *Bonhomme Richard*, was sinking under him in his fight with the British forty-four, *Serapis*, Sept. 23, 1779.
8. Col. John Stark, at the Battle of Bennington, Vt., Aug. 16, 1777.
9. Attributed to Confederate Lt. Gen. Thomas Jonathan (Stonewall) Jackson by John Greenleaf Whittier in his poem *Barbara Frietchie*. (Barbara Frietchie had grabbed and waved a fallen U. S. flag as the Confederate troops passed through Frederick, Md.)

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HOW TO WIN APPLAUSE

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A little imagination, a little life, a little humor. That's all most people ask to be sprinkled over a speech to make them enjoy it. So little, and yet so much. Think back over the speakers you have enjoyed most. See if most of them didn't sweeten each point of their speeches with stories of what happened to someone. Don't you perk up your ears when a speaker says, "A neighbor of mine had an interesting experience as delegate to. . . ." People love human interest stories.

An old Chinese proverb said, "A picture is worth a thousand words." Illustrations and examples, are verbal "pictures," making a dead or abstract subject take on the appearance of real life. Use them liberally. Put them in as freely as you trimmed out details. They'll make your talk come alive. Buy several 25-cent jokebooks to help you in your hunt for humor if you are one of those people who can't remember jokes. And just plain use your imagination to think up lifelike illustrations. Whether it really happened or not is not important if it is something that *could* logically happen. It probably has, whether you know about it or not.

Your speech is prepared now, but you still have something to do before the Big Event. Rehearse it before a mirror or your family.

One morning one of the most brilliant speakers I ever heard gave what was, even for him, an outstanding talk on the subject, "How to Prepare a Speech." When he had finished, a member of his audience asked him, "Doctor, is rehearsing a speech really necessary if

you know your subject thoroughly?" He responded, "The talk I just gave I have given 14 times in the past year. Last night I rehearsed it in front of my mirror for three hours. Does that answer your question?"

Thomas A. Edison said, "Genius is 1 percent inspiration and 99 percent perspiration." So is making a good speech. It may be true that to be a great speaker one has to be born with a certain aptitude for expression and a magic touch which practice can develop but cannot create. But any average sort of person can become a good speaker by designing his speeches in terms of PEOPLE, then rehearsing his speeches before giving them.

Don't worry about the actual giving of the speech. If you plan it in terms of P-E-O-P-L-E and rehearse it well, the actual presentation will take care of itself, just as the actual performance of a play goes easily and naturally if it has been well prepared.

It's worth the effort. Few things make you feel better than doing your duty in any activity of which you are a part. And when that duty involves Saying A Few Words and you sit down to the sound of heartfelt (and heart-warming) applause from your audience, the hours you spent in making your talk a fine and enjoyable thing rather than a dull, boring discourse will seem well spent indeed. You will feel a new thrill of pride in yourself, and as one speech succeeds another you will find yourself no longer a terrified amateur, but a confident, competent speaker to PEOPLE!

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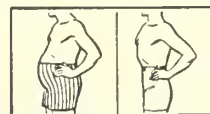
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AMBASSADORS WITH BATS

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of baseball to a junior team from San Salvador.

That evening the players and coaches were officially introduced to the Salvadorans and Americans living in that city at a reception in the U. S.-El Salvador Center. Gil Archuleta, the Spanish-speaking coach of the Ambassadors, acted as master of ceremonies and introduced all the players to the enthusiastic crowd. Walter Engle, of Tucson, Ariz., one of the catchers on the team, got a particularly warm welcome when he responded to his introduction in fluent Spanish. The biggest hit of the evening, was the distribution of a booklet prepared by Commissioner Lou Brissie on fundamentals of baseball.

The booklet had been translated into Spanish by the United States Information Service, and its distribution at the reception was a hectic process. Several thousand Salvadorans mobbed the distributors of the booklet and then spent the rest of the evening busily gathering autographs of the team players and coaches for their copies.

On September 27 the Ambassadors traveled to the little town of Santa Ana, some 45 miles from the capital. Here they played the first international game in American Legion Junior Baseball history; a local junior team furnished the opposition. The Ambassadors piled up an imposing lead and won easily by a score of 15 to 0. June Raines, who played shortstop, got 4 for 4 in this first game. Dick Montee, playing left field, got 2 out of 3, one of his hits being the team's first home run—a long blast to deep center field.

On September 28 the Ambassadors had a long and busy day. It started with a tour of four schools in San Salvador. The first was a local high school, then a teachers' training school, a private Salvadoran school, and finally the American School run by the American Society in that city.

That afternoon the Ambassadors played their second game, this time against the junior team from San Salvador. The Ambassadors won by a score of 7 to 0 behind the strong pitching of Frank Davis. Approximately 8,000 fans filled the Estadio Nacional to see the Legion play against the home team. In this game June Raines got the team's second home run.

On the evening of the 28th the team and coaches were the guests of the American Society at a dance given in their honor at the American School.

The Ambassadors also had an opportunity to visit the beautiful national park at Cerro Verde and still later made a trip up a very rough mountainous road to the volcano at Izalco, one of the few active volcanoes in the Western Hemisphere.

The team had been scheduled to leave San Salvador on Saturday, September 29, for Managua, Nicaragua, but the death of Nicaraguan President Somoza (after an attack by an assassin) caused this leg of the trip to be canceled. With Nicaragua in a state of mourning, it was decided to skip the series originally planned for that country. Instead, the team spent three additional days in San Salvador and played one other game with the team known as the "Gringos."

This team is made up of Americans living in San Salvador and of some Salvadorans. The Ambassadors won by a score of 5 to 3, with George Wilhelm, Merlin Nippert, and Frank Davis all sharing the pitching duties. During their extended stay in San Salvador the team members were the guests at a reception in the United States Embassy at which Mrs. Thomas Mann, the Ambassador's wife, was hostess.

On Tuesday, October 2, the Ambassadors flew to Tocumen Airport at Panama City in the Republic of Panama where they were greeted by Professor J. Ferra Garboa, representing the Panamanian Department of Physical Education.

It was in Panama that the team got its first look at the heavy tropical rains which were to cause postponement of several games during the course of the tour. Of the four games originally scheduled for Panama, the first two were rained out.

While rain was washing out the ball games, the Ambassadors were able to do a good deal of sightseeing. One of their first visits was to the office of Señor Angel Lope-Casis, the Minister of Education for the Republic of Panama. They also met Señor Gil Gonzalo Garrida, Chief of Physical Education within that department. Commissioner Lou Brissie presented American Legion Junior Baseball Medals and an autographed baseball to the minister.

The team then went to the presidential palace, known as the Palace of the Herons, where they met Señor Ernesto de la Guardia, Jr., the newly inaugurated President of the Republic. President de la Guardia turned out to be an ardent baseball fan, and his first question to Commissioner Brissie was "Who do you think will win the World Series?". Brissie explained that as an ex-American League player he would have to back the Yankees, who were then trailing in the Series by 2 games to 0. President de la Guardia smilingly disagreed and continued the baseball discussion for some time.

Following brief ceremonies in which The American Legion Junior Baseball Medal was presented to the President, Brissie asked Señor de la Guardia to attend that evening's game at the national stadium. Señor de la Guardia, in perfect American English, explained that he could not do so because of a prior commitment but that he would "send the old man" to see the game. President de la Guardia's command of the American idiom was explained by one of his assistants, who said that Señor de la Guardia was a graduate of Dartmouth College.



"Well it just so happens that my hobby is television!"

Following the tour of the presidential palace there were brief ceremonies at the statue of Manuel Amador Guerrero, the first President of the Republic of Panama. A wreath bearing the name of The American Legion Junior Baseball team was placed at the base of the statue while Taps was played by a bugler of the Panamanian National Guard. A tour of both the old and new city of Panama followed.

After lunch at the Hotel El Panama five of the players and two coaches were taken to Fort Clayton in the Canal Zone, where they appeared on the Armed Forces television station CFN. The telecast originally had been scheduled as a prelude to a game at the national stadium, but that game was one of the two which had been rained out. It was at Fort Clayton that a series of unusual coincidences occurred. First, Wally Palmer discovered that the Army photographer was a classmate of his from Portland, Maine. Then Coach Pete Palumbo received a telephone call from one of the viewers of the program who had played on an American Legion Junior Baseball team under his direction several years previously, and it was learned that the announcer had played against his team. Coach Archuleta also discovered another soldier who had played on one of his teams in New Mexico.

Finally, on the morning of October 5, after two games had been rained out, Coaches Archuleta and Palumbo, together with several of the players, held an indoor baseball clinic at the National Gymnasium. Nearly 300 young Panamanian ballplayers kept Legion coaches and players busy for some two and a half hours explaining and demonstrating some of the fine points of baseball. On the morning of the 6th the coaches held two clinics in the Canal Zone for U. S. youngsters living there.

On the evening of October 6 the Ambassadors played their first game in Panama at the Albrook Air Force Base Stadium. Dick Montee got credit for the win over a V.F.W. team. Major General Thomas L. Harrold, Commanding General, United States Army Caribbean Forces, and Colonel Ramage, the Commander of Albrook Air Force Base, were present in the stands. General Harrold came down to the Ambassadors' dugout after the game to greet each of the players and compliment them on their victory. Al Gauvin, Vice Commander of The American Legion Department of Panama Canal Zone, and George Black, the National Executive Committeeman from that Department, were part of the near-capacity crowd that enjoyed the game.

The game was broadcast over the Armed Forces radio station throughout the Canal Zone. Still earlier that day the

Ambassadors had the opportunity to meet Brigadier General W. C. Potter, Governor of the Canal Zone. The Governor briefed the team members on the Canal's management and operation and then turned them over to the Army, which conducted them on a tour of the Miraflores Locks.

The Ambassadors visited the control tower and saw several large oceangoing ships make a transit of the locks on the Pacific side of the Canal. Then followed a trip through the famous Gaillard Cut, named for the Army colonel of engineers who was in charge of the digging of this passage through the Panamanian mountains. That evening the Ambassadors played their first game against the Panamanian All-Stars. This game was the first loss for the Ambassadors; they were shut out by Jose Ortega by a score of 4 to 0. That night the Ambassadors were guests of the Panamanian Department of Physical Education at a reception in their honor. Señor Gil Gonzalo-Garrido, Chief of Physical Education, presented Commissioner Lou Brissie with the official pennant of his department. This pennant and several plaques and cups presented to the team will become part of the American Legion Junior Baseball display at Baseball's Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N. Y., and eventually, along with other trophies, will be put in the Legion's archives.

On October 8 the Ambassadors had a day which many of them rate as the high point of the entire Latin American tour. It began with a visit to the Headquarters of Lieutenant General William K. Harrison, Commander in Chief of the entire Caribbean area. After a brief visit with the general they crossed the isthmus in the "scooter"—a gasoline-driven trolley car—which was put at their disposal by Governor Potter of the Canal Zone.

They crossed from the Pacific to the Atlantic side in 55 minutes, which, as their guide explained to them, was the fastest time that anyone had gone coast to coast.

Colonel Gines Perez, the Army Commandant of the Atlantic side, and Lieutenant Colonel Leroy Glodell met the Ambassadors at Colon on the Pacific side. The team toured the Army Jungle Warfare Training Center at Fort Davis, where they were given a glimpse of the rigorous training and some idea of the conditions under which troops operate in tropical areas. From here the team went to Fort San Lorenzo, the oldest fort under the United States flag. The fort, built in 1597, had been in ruins for more than 100 years until two years ago when U. S. soldiers working on their own time reclaimed it from the jungle which had grown over it.

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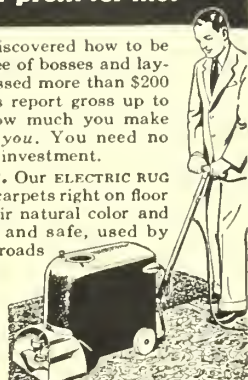
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the authority on the history of the area, gave the team a briefing on the background of the fort and the reclamation project itself. He led the team on a tour of the fort, and, while climbing through one of the lower dungeons, pretended to be amazed when he discovered a room fitted for an elaborate lunch. This unexpected treat in a 300-year-old dungeon deep under the fort was the high point of the day. The Army, which held the luncheon in honor of the American Legion Junior Baseball team, explained that only once before had it used the room for this purpose and that was upon the completion of the reclamation project. On that occasion Ambassadors and Ministers to the Republic of Panama had been invited there for a formal dinner.

On October 9 the team flew to Barranquilla, Colombia, where they were met by a torrential downpour which made it impossible to play their first scheduled game in that country. The heavy rains, worse than anything the Americans had ever seen, put the city in a flooded condition. The Colombian guides explained, however, that the city was built to take care of such rains; they pointed to several streets with extremely deep gutters and heavy cement bases which acted as runoffs for the tremendous rainfall.

The Ambassadors arrived at the Hotel Del Caribe in Cartagena at about 1:30 in the morning. The next day they went on a brief sightseeing tour of the famous walled city of the Caribbean, which was attacked several times in its early history by pirates.

The sightseeing tour included a visit to La Popa, an ancient stone structure some 350 years old, located high on a hill overlooking the city and harbor. It was originally built as a lookout and signal point but later used as a convent. Following their visit to La Popa the boys were taken to the Fisherman's Club by officials of the Colombian Association of Amateur Baseball Teams. At the Fisherman's Club—really a yacht club—they were served a luncheon of native fish and other native dishes, during which the team listened to the broadcasts of the last game of the 1956 World Series.

That night, October 10, the team played in the sparkling new stadium recently opened in Cartagena. They played before a crowd of more than 10,000 excited fans who saw the Ambassadors play the closest ball game of their tour against an all-star team representing the state of Bolivar.

Frank Carpin, who started for the Ambassadors, struck out 22 men and gave up no hits in the ten innings he pitched. He was relieved by Frank Davis in the eleventh inning, and Frank was charged with the 1 to 0 loss which the

Legion team suffered in the eleventh inning.

The new stadium in which the Ambassadors played was quite a revelation to the visiting team. It featured a cantilever roof over the grandstand. This eliminated all poles and there were, therefore, no "dead" seats in the park. The game was broadcast over local Colombian radio stations because of the interest in the visit of the American team.

On the night of October 11 the Ambassadors played and lost their second game in the same stadium in Cartagena, this time to a team from the Colombian Naval Base. They lost by a score of 4

to 3, in a game in which all of the squad except Davis, who was scheduled to start the next day's game, got in the lineup.

On October 12 the Ambassadors were scheduled to play a doubleheader at the stadium in Barranquilla against an All-Star team from the Colombian state of Atlantico. However heavy rains at the end of the sixth inning of the first game caused the umpires to call a halt because of wet grounds. The score at that time was 0 to 0. That night the Ambassadors were guests of the Colombian Baseball Association at a dance and dinner in their honor at the Officer's Club of the Army Training Center at Barranquilla.

On October 13 the Ambassadors flew to Caracas, Venezuela, where on Sunday morning, October 15, they played against an All-Star Venezuelan team at the National Stadium. Although they managed to overcome a five-run, first inning deficit and tie the score at seven all in the seventh inning, they lost 8 to 7. On Sunday evening the Ambassadors played the same team in the modern University Stadium, a part of University City in Caracas. This game, under the lights, was lost by a score of 6 to 3.


Earlier on the 15th the Ambassadors went on a sightseeing tour of what has been described as the most modern city in the world, Caracas, which is enjoying boom times, is rebuilding the old city in fast order. During their sightseeing tour the team members placed wreaths on the statues of Simon Bolivar, the great liberator who was born in Caracas, and of George Washington, who is greatly admired by the Venezuelans.

Another one of the rare treats which the Ambassadors enjoyed as representatives of The American Legion and the United States was permission to ride the funicular railway which has recently been constructed to take guests to the Hotel Pico del Abila, the city's newest hotel, which is perched on a mountain 4,000 feet above the city. The ride in cable cars swinging high above the rugged mountainside gave the team photographers a bird's eye view of the city and the surrounding terrain.

On October 16 the Ambassadors again played the All-Star team from Venezuela and this time won by a score of 5 to 0 behind the skillful pitching of Merlin Nippert, who threw a two-hit shutout.

On October 17 the Ambassadors flew to San Juan, Puerto Rico, where because of the tremendous local interest in the American team an hour-long interview for radio, TV and newspaper reporters was held at the Hotel Normandie.

On October 18 the Ambassadors toured the city of San Juan and visited some of the historic spots within its borders. Again rain washed out the scheduled game, but it was rescheduled



Chaplain's Corner

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O almighty God, Creator of the universe and Father of all nations, look with pity upon Thy children. Witness how the peace which Thy Son brought to earth lies shattered about us. See how war has cut down our ranks and ravaged fair lands. Even more direful, regard how it has perverted the minds and hearts of men so that, in revenge, they would serve Thy archenemy Satan.

O most loving Father, Who has bestowed peace upon us at the cost of Thy Son's life, protect, we beseech Thee, the lives of these, Thy other sons. Send Thy Holy Spirit upon them, and nourish their souls with holy charity that, cherishing Thee, they may honor Thee in their fellow men. While serving in defense of their country, let them be mindful of the words of Paul, "Put you on the armor of God, the helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God." May they understand their true enemy is deceit and wickedness, and that their task is to preserve truth and justice.

Enlighten the minds and strengthen the hearts of those who, under Thee, guide the destinies of nations. Give them the virtues of humility and prudence, with the realization that they must render an account to Thee.

O most tender Father, pity our poverty and weakness. Infuse into our failing sight some vision of Thy eternal home. Loving this vision, may nations and homes create ethereal beauty, loveliness and peace, where men may glorify Thy name. Amen.

as part of a doubleheader to take place on the 19th of October.

On October 19 the Ambassadors were the guests of the Puerto Rican Department of The American Legion at breakfast. Later in the afternoon they went, with the All-Star Puerto Rican team, on a picnic at Luquillo Beach as guests of the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

In the doubleheader played that afternoon at Sixto Escobar Stadium the Ambassadors found out why the Caribbean area has become a happy hunting ground for big league baseball scouts. The Ambassadors suffered their worst defeat of the tour; they lost both games—one by a score of 13 to 1 and the other by a score of 10 to 2.

On October 20 the Ambassadors journeyed to the town of Caguas, where they played against a local juvenile team. The Ambassadors squeezed out a 1 to 0 win by playing errorless ball behind the pitching of Frank Davis. The Legion players made the longest flight of the tour on the 21st when they flew from San Juan, Puerto Rico, to the airport at Havana, Cuba—a flight of about five hours.

On Monday, October 21, the Ambassadors played their first game in National Stadium at Havana, Cuba. Behind the four-hit pitching of Frank Carpin, the Americans won by a score of 5 to 2 over a team representing Miramar Yacht Club of Havana.

The second game of the Cuban series, which was to have been played on Monday, October 22, at Tropical Park against a team from the Institute de la Vibora, was canceled because of heavy

rains. Earlier that day the two teams had been guests of American Legion Post 1, Havana, Cuba, at a luncheon. The Ambassadors were presented with alligator wallets as mementos of their trip to Cuba, and in turn the Cuban team was given Legion Junior Baseball Medals by Commissioner Lou Brissie.

On October 23 the Ambassadors traveled to Matanzas, some 40 miles east of Havana, to play the Cuban School Champions. Prior to the game they were the guests of the Department of Education of the Republic of Cuba at the Technical and Military School located at Matanzas. The Ambassadors tied this game 2 to 2. The game was called in the seventh inning to permit the team to return to Havana in time to begin packing for the departure for home. On Wednesday, October 24, the Ambassadors boarded a plane at the Havana airfield for their last flight as a group. One hour later they landed at Miami.

If there was any doubt that this good will mission had done its job, it was soon dispelled. Letters and citations from officials of the countries visited, from Americans living and -working there, and from the U. S. State Department all praised the conduct of the team and the wonderful impression the Ambassadors had made.

For the team and the Legionnaires who accompanied as chaperones and coaches the tour had been a memorable and enjoyable experience. For The American Legion the first Latin American Junior Baseball tour was another example of service to "the Community, State and Nation."

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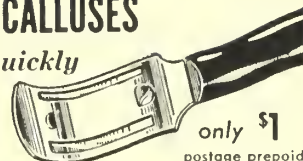


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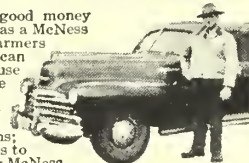
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of animals for Parke, Davis & Co. It stimulated thousands of failing hearts and created the stock gag, "Quick nurse, the Adrenalin!"

World War I forced American companies to duplicate drugs developed in Germany, until then the center of pharmaceutical research. Of urgent military importance was Salvarsan, the famous German remedy against syphilis. Dr. Roger Adams and Dr. Ernest H. Volwiler, of the University of Illinois, succeeded in developing an improvement on Salvarsan for Abbott Laboratories.

After the war, the newly established American pharmaceutical industry began to give serious attention to research. The discovery of the hormone insulin, which allows diabetics to lead a normal life, was no sooner announced in Canada than Eli Lilly put 100 men to work isolating it from the pancreas of slaughterhouse animals. It was tough work. A half hour's delay in refrigerating the glands reduced their value. But by the spring of 1923, after less than a year's work, insulin was on the market. Since then, its price has come down 13 times and it has saved a million lives. Thanks to it, diabetics can even buy life insurance.

One of the million saved was Dr. George R. Minot, of Boston, a physician who found eating outlandish quantities of liver as effective as blood transfusions in restoring the red blood cells of victims of anemia. Dr. Minot won a Nobel Prize for his discovery, and Eli Lilly and Lederle Laboratories began manufacturing liver extracts which saved anemia patients from a diet of liver almost as bad as the disease.

Purchased and rejuvenated by American Cyanamid, Lederle grew in impor-

tance. The late President W. B. Bell, a lawyer with a love for bold research, expanded the facilities. Dr. Wilbur Malcolm, a University of Maryland bacteriologist, became manager, and Dr. Yella-pragada SubbaRow, an unusual scientist from India by way of Harvard, became medical director.

Dr. SubbaRow was interested personally in the anti-anemia substance in liver because his brother had died of sprue, a tropical anemia prevalent in his native India. The substance was called folic acid because it is found in foliage as well as in brewer's yeast and liver. Under Dr. SubbaRow's direction Lederle men spent two years isolating a third of a gram of folic acid from a ton and a half of liver. In 1943 they found that folic acid was a new member of the B-complex family of vitamins. A 16-man team synthesized it in 1945. By the time the first five-milligram tablet was sold for 52 cents, American Cyanamid had spent \$1,000,000 on the project. The price was soon dropped to 26 cents, then 13 cents and much lower. A new Cyanamid-backed chemical plant near Bombay makes enough folic acid to protect millions of Indian women from the anemias of pregnancy and stands as a memorial in his native land to Dr. SubbaRow who died soon after the triumph of his project.

As a daily supply of folic acid is essential for all cells, it occurred to students of cancer, which is a wild growth of cells, that a variation of folic acid might be employed to starve or otherwise halt the growth of the cancer cells. By substituting other chemicals for various parts of the chemical structure of folic acid, folic antagonists have been produced which prolong the lives of

children suffering from leukemia, cancer of the blood.

Other Lederle research projects were as successful therapeutically but more hazardous financially. When serums were developed to combat pneumonia, then the No. 1 killer, Lederle assembled a herd of 350 horses at Pearl River to manufacture the 33 different serums identified. Rabbits were found better, and the horses gave way to 24,000 rabbits in the world's largest rabbit warren.

"And then," reported the late President Bell, "One of those things happened that so few people take into account. . . . Along came the sulfa drugs. They cured pneumonia and replaced the sera. Within a few months the rabbits and their hutches disappeared. . . . Every dollar of the millions spent in research, facilities and rabbits was written off, Lederle was left with little . . . except glory . . . and the satisfaction of having saved countless thousands of lives."

Sulfa drugs were a dramatic advance, stemming from rediscovery in a German commercial laboratory of an old dye formula. They made the front page by saving the life of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr. Fortunately for American Cyanamid's stockholders, the company was one of the first to produce the new chemical wonders. Cyanamid developed sulfadiazine and sulfaguanidine (which prevented dysentery epidemics in World War II armies) and became the world's largest producer of sulfas.

The sulfa drugs were and are of great importance in themselves. And they also inspired renewed research. In hundreds of laboratories, new compounds were tried and old experiments reviewed.

One was an observation made by a gentle English doctor, the late Alexander Fleming. Back in 1929 he had been working with some culture plates of organisms when a mold from the air blew into it. When Fleming returned, he noticed that the organisms immediately around the mold had been destroyed. This was penicillin. It cured diseases no drug had ever cured.

After a decade of neglect a Rockefeller grant brought the delicate wonder from England to America and government funds started development. But 17 companies, starting with Merck, Squibb, and Pfizer, spent \$25,000,000 before penicillin began to ferment in huge tanks. "The American chemical and pharmaceutical industries have never been given enough credit for the tremendous efforts they put forth in the development of penicillin," says Dr. Henry Welch, director of the Food and Drug Administration's antibiotic division.

The war triumph of penicillin



"Got the idea from an old tugboat captain."

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launched a worldwide search for other molds and microbes that might produce similar medicines. Streptomycin was found even before the end of the war. This mold was discovered in the throat of a New Jersey chicken by Dr. Selman Waksman and two of his assistants at the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station. For drugs of this type Dr. Waksman, who received a Nobel Prize in medicine, coined a new word, "antibiotic."

Every important drug manufacturer began a frantic search for new antibiotics. One firm sent its stockholders envelopes and asked them to mail back soil from their cellars and gardens. Others arranged for explorers, oil companies operating abroad, even deep sea divers to send them molds. Several spent millions of dollars without result. But for a few there were triumphs.

In earth from near Caracas, Venezuela, Dr. Paul R. Burkholder, a botanist then working at Yale under a Parke-Davis grant, discovered the organism from which ultimately was produced Chloromycetin, the antibiotic which was flown back to South America where it saved the life of Gregorio Zalles after his death certificate had been made out. Its history since then is a vivid example of the risks and competition of the industry.

A research team, including Dr. Mildred Rebstock, a blue-eyed blonde woman chemist, determined the formula and synthesized it chemically. But before mass production could be achieved, Lederle produced a rival drug covering the same spectrum of infections. The late Dr. Benjamin Duggar, a 74-year-old botanist who joined that firm after retiring from a teaching post, found the golden mold of Aureomycin in loam from a University of Missouri timothy-field. Lederle rushed Aureomycin into production. In 1950 from a bit of Indiana soil, one of 100,000 samples, Pfizer researchers came up with another broad spectrum antibiotic, Terramycin.

In the face of this competition, Chloromycetin won 39 percent of the broad spectrum antibiotic market, and in 1951 Parke-Davis was first in sales volume among pharmaceutical companies. But the next year there were reports of a few patients treated with Chloromycetin developing anemia. The American Medical Association warned against "promiscuous" use of the drug, and the Food and Drug Administration, though finding little risk, ordered a warning label attached. Sales of Chloromycetin plummeted. Parke-Davis dropped from first to fifth in sales rank in the industry, but Chloromycetin sales are now rising, and the company has regained much of the antibiotic market.

In the meantime Lederle brought out Achromycin, first of the tetracycline

antibiotics and notably free of side effects. It now has the largest sale of any broad spectrum antibiotic, and several firms make variations of it.

A sizable book is required merely to list all of the hormones, vitamin products, drugs for the control of blood pressure, tranquilizing drugs, and other new products produced by drug manufacturers. Since 1948 about 500 new pharmaceutical products have been produced each year. Catalogs now list about 8,000.

One of the newest of these is Relcasin, a new Warner-Chilcott drug which saves the lives of babies who might otherwise be stillborn because of prematurity. Twelve years and more than a million dollars were spent on the research. As it is obtained only in tiny quantities from the ovaries of pregnant sows, a treatment with it costs \$150, but in nearly every case a life is saved. Hynson, Westcott & Dunning, Inc., has a preparation somewhat similar in action.

Developments like this have raised immensely the scientific standing of the drug houses. "They have advanced," says one observer, "from peddlers to discoverers." Roughly half of the profits of the industry in recent years has gone into new plants and laboratories. The more than \$100,000,000 a year now spent by American drug manufacturers for research is greater than the total outlay for medical research in Great Britain and is second only to the government in the U. S. By grants and fellowships, manufacturers underwrite much university research.

Dr. Leonard A. Scheele recently resigned as Surgeon General of the Public Health Service to join Warner-Chilcott Laboratories. "The drug houses now have some of the best medical men," says Dr. Austin Smith, editor of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. "It is a good thing, good for them and good for people who need drugs."

The atmosphere of a drug company is a combination of a university and the Pentagon Building. There are precautions against danger and revelation of secrets. The plants of Merck, Lederle, and Parke-Davis are arranged like campuses and vines cover the walls. At noon girl technicians bask in the sun like coeds between classes. Inside are blackboards on which scientists, many of whom have been college professors, write chemical formulas.

While Dr. Casimir Funk, who coined the word "vitamin," at 72 is doing research for the U. S. Vitamin Corporation, it is largely a business of youth. Tall L. D. Barney became president of Hoffmann-La Roche at 38. John McKeen, a chemical engineer who rose from the ranks, became head of Pfizer at 45, and sales increased 65 percent in a single year. At 40, Francis C. Brown,

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an attorney, was placed in charge of Schering. The firm was overdrawn \$25,000 at the bank and its key men had been fired as enemy aliens. Brown hired researchers and expanded from hormones to antihistamines and other fields. In 1952 investors were happy to pay \$31,000,000 for Schering.

Age levels are even younger in research, and about 40 percent of the employees are female. "Women are much more conscientious than men about routine work," explains an executive. Dr. Leon A. Sweet became research director at Parke-Davis when 39. Dr. George Rieveschl, Jr., now of that firm, developed chemical phases of benadryl, one of the first of the antihistamines, when he was 30. Dr. Hilary Koprowski, whose work with rabies and polio viruses at Lederle has attracted wide attention, is still in his thirties. Dr. Lewis Sarett was 27 when he synthesized cortisone at Merck.

Besides chemists, drug development requires physicists, bacteriologists, microbiologists, physicians, pathologists, pharmacologists, mathematicians, engineers, animal handlers, and glassblowers. Lederle for years had a staff artist who painted pictures of 2,000 molds in color.

Most new drugs result from planned projects initiated with the aim of obtaining something more effective, more economical, or maybe just better tasting than an existing drug. A review in the library of past efforts is usually the start. A promising formula is chosen and made up in a series of slight variations.

Then come tests. The American Medical Association since 1905 and Federal law since 1940 have required that these be thorough. While many manufacturers opposed enactment of the Wiley Food and Drug Law 50 years ago, all now support it and its amendments. When a drug has to be recalled from the market because of some mishap, the Food and Drug Administration frequently first hears of the matter from the manufacturer. Of 32 such recalls in 1954, 15 were initiated by the makers involved. Manufacturers of antibiotics have paid the FDA more than \$5,000,000 to test their products. But such regulations have helped America win 75 percent of the world's drug business.

New drugs are tried on germs and tissue in glass tubes or dishes. There are better microscopes than ever before for studying what happens. A device enlarges and throws the image on a screen. The kymograph records tissue reaction as a wavy line. A promising drug moves along to animal tests.

It is first tested for toxicity. Almost anything can be toxic if taken in a large enough quantity. The new drug is first given to rats; if it is hopelessly toxic, it is abandoned. Otherwise it proceeds to

tests for all sorts of qualities. A drug is often proved on five kinds of animals before being administered to a human being. Radioisotopes now permit a fast study of some drug effects. All companies use isotopes in research, and Abbott in a laboratory at Oak Ridge compounds radioactive products for thyroid therapy and the detection of brain tumors.

There is always some drama in the first human test of a drug. Rats and men, as some women contend, are much alike, and after animal tests it is possible usually to calculate both human dosage and effect. Investigators often first test new remedies on themselves. Powerful, entirely new drugs are administered first to desperate cases or volunteers. The latter are sometimes convicts. The manufacturer supplies the

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New drugs are announced at medical meetings and in medical journals. Doctors also are advised of them by mail. Abbott, Lederle, and Ciba publish for physicians magazines that are masterpieces of color printing. Every firm mails something. Merck also publishes the *Merck Manual*, a thick pocket therapy reference work of which 200,000 copies are sold at \$6.75 each. Ships' doctors use it as a medical Bible, and a paratrooper jumped into the Battle of the Bulge with one in his hip pocket.

Backing up the printed matter are 12,000 specially trained salesmen, usually called "detail" men because they supply details of new products to doctors, druggists, and hospitals. A sample of a new drug left with a Philadelphia physician by a Squibb man once saved the life of a woman a few hours later. A switchboard operator had to rush some more of it to the patient's hospital.

Switchboards of most drug houses, incidentally, are open around the clock. A call to Lederle from Saudi Arabia once ordered anticholera vaccine to inoculate 300,000 pilgrims en route to Mecca. A call to Lilly from stricken Texas City dispatched plane loads of drugs. Lederle speeds drugs from Pearl River to New York airports by helicopter, and the industry is one of the

heaviest users of air express service.

Only a tiny fraction of all drugs studied develops as expected. Thousands of sulfa drugs, for example, have been created, but only a score of the best continue in use. Some 5,000 antibiotics have been found, but only 17 are of enough worth for commercial production. Fortunately some compounds worthless for their intended use prove valuable in other fields. Schering discovered this in seeking a new drug with cortisone qualities.

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Promin and Diasone, sulfone compounds first explored by Parke-Davis and by Abbott as drugs for tuberculosis, for the first time provided effective weapons against leprosy, properly known as Hansen's disease. After having been treated with these drugs many patients formerly considered doomed have been released from the National Leprosarium at Carville, La.

There are now drugs to deal with virtually all of the sizable bacteria, also the smaller rickettsiae, that beset the human body, and the battlefield has advanced to the invisible viruses. "Infectious diseases are rather well under control," says one research director, "but important research on the chronic and degenerative diseases is just getting under way."

But it is under way with great resources. At Pearl River Dr. Herald Rex Cox, who developed typhus vaccine, presides over a staff of 96 in a big new laboratory entirely devoted to virus research. There are also new virus laboratories in Detroit, Philadelphia, and Indianapolis. All study the mystery of the living cell. Some are even hopeful about the wild cancer cells. "Someday, we will find what makes them tick," predicts one researcher, "and where to throw the monkey wrench to make them stop ticking."

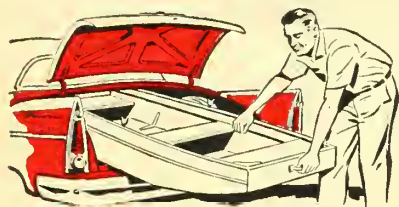
"As mother nature fails to create and maintain perfectly functioning bodies," says Dr. Theodore C. Klumpp, who became president of Winthrop-Stearns, Inc., after government service and teaching medicine at Yale, "she will need the help of the pharmaceutical industry. The important thing is that we have at long last learned how to go about unlocking her mysteries. Give us time and enough profits to do research, and some day we may at least understand them all." THE END

ROD AND GUN CLUB

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STANLEY J. SPOLAR, Box 516, Depue, Ill., advises you not to discard those old monofilament fishing lines. "That tough, hard-wearing line has plenty of uses for the sportsman," he says, and lists them: (1) For attaching weights to duck decoys, (2) as leaders on fishing line, (3) as tough thread for sewing buttons and tears in your hunting clothing, (4) for sewing seams in car seat covers, (5) for tying foliage at your duck blind.

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THE IOWA CONSERVATION Commission tied in with the national hunting and fishing survey sponsored by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service by asking Crossley, S-D Surveys, Inc., to conduct a concurrent study in the State of Iowa.

The results are published in an interesting supplement to the November 1956 *Iowa Conservationist*.

For example, 48.9 percent of the households in Iowa have at least one fisherman or hunter. In these households 525,000 Iowans 12 years or over fished, and 359,000 hunted during 1955. (In some households more than one member took to the outdoors to play, and some individuals both hunted and fished.)

The favorite fish was the pan fish, preferred by 41.7 percent. There was a tie for second choice between the catfish and what they called "predators," meaning pike and bass. They rated 21 percent each. Trout and rough fish were last, at 4.4 percent each.

Among the hunters, pheasant was the favorite game with a 59 percent vote; cottontail rabbits were second. The report makes good reading.

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JOHN C. HAYICK, 163 Franklin Ave., Palmerton, Pa., offers: "When building an ice fishing shanty don't cut the windows so high that you can't see through them while sitting down. A low window saves you from jumping up every second to see if your flag has sprung."

Eddie Zavec, 407 N. Penrose St., Quakertown, Pa., is another dedicated ice dunker. "When you sweep the snow from around your hole in the ice," he suggests, "make a cleared circle no less than ten feet in diameter. The light that shines through the clear ice attracts fish to the spot. But you must avoid casting moving shadows; winter fish are just as shy as summer fish, and any undue moving will spook them."

ON THIS POPULAR subject of fishing through the sleeping waters, Wash Dymewicz, 4030 N. Sacramento Ave., Chicago, Ill., has a gimmick. "There comes a time," he says "when weed worms are scarce and bait houses are sold out. If you find this true, maybe a discovery of mine will bring as much luck for you as it did for me. Boil 'elbow macaroni' for ten minutes or less, cool, stuff with colored cotton, and cut to the desired length. A touch of 'Star of Anisette Oil' on each homemade bait will do the trick. Keep the bait in a moist cloth on your person so that it won't freeze. I found that bluegills and crappies went crazy for it."

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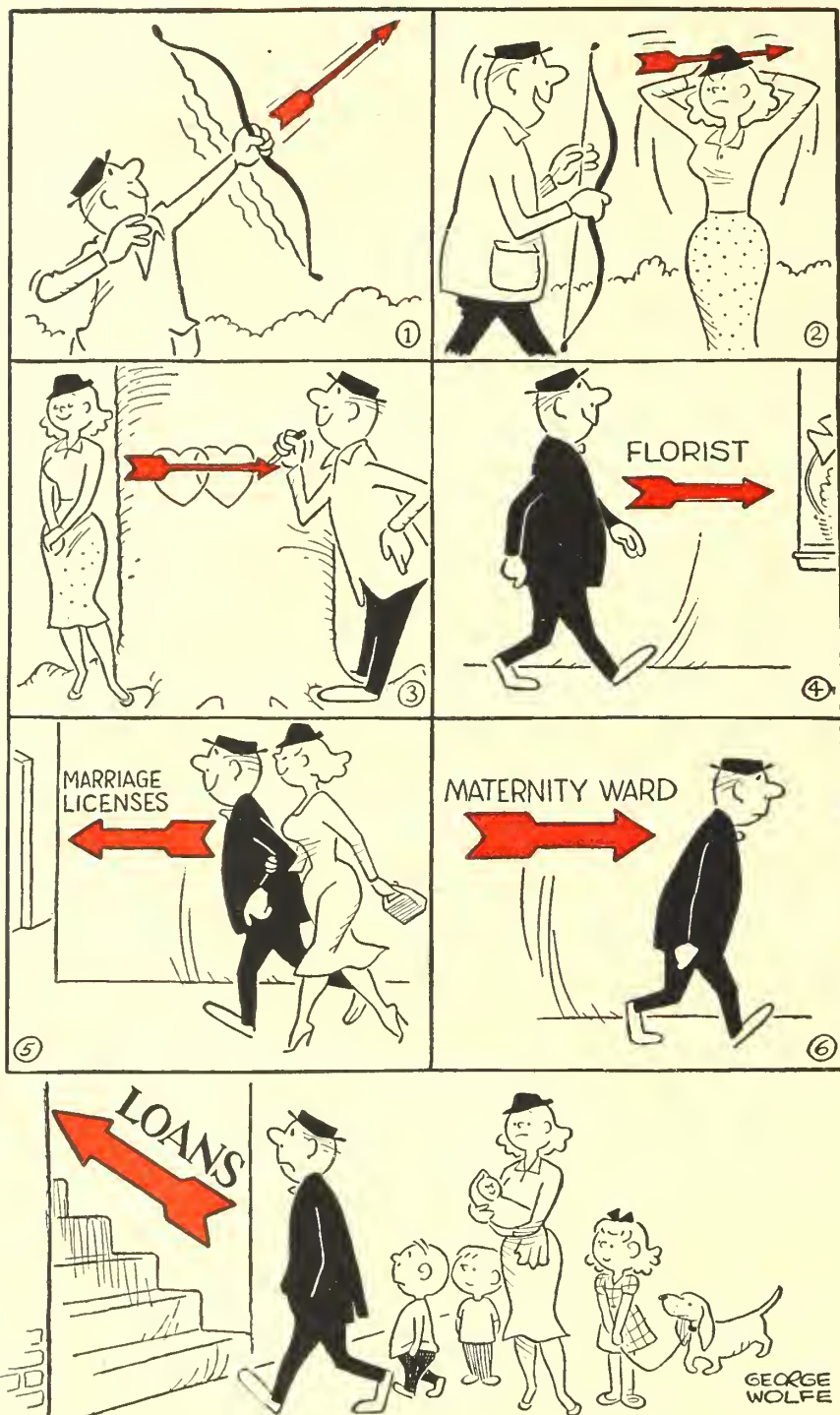
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A YOUNG MAN'S FANCY



Hard Fact

When it comes to tax reductions, never before has so little been done for so many.
— W. L. HUDSON

Not Too Cracked

A girl confided to a friend that she was going to marry an eccentric millionaire.

"But," the friend protested, "everyone thinks he's cracked."

"He may be cracked," the girl answered, "but he certainly isn't broke."

— MAURICE SEITZ

The Better to See . . .

A father, teaching his son how to sell

glasses, told him to watch the customer's face when quoting prices.

"When he asks how much, smile at him and say, 'Only ten Dollars!' then pause."

"If he grins like it's a bargain," the father continued. "Say, 'That's for the frames, the lenses are ten dollars extra,' then pause again."

"And then," he went on. "If he doesn't flinch, say—'each.'"

— CHARLES CARROLL

Ova Eating

*He had hen-fruit for breakfast
And spilled quite a lot,
As you'll spy on his tie
Where eggs marks the spot.*

— BERTON BRALEY

Daffynition

Bigamist: Proof that two rites are wrong.

— JACK HERBERT

Lines to a Departed One

*I dripped from the tub and grabbed for a towel;
I raced to the door in high.
But you'd hurried off and couldn't be seen,
Least not by the naked I!*

— DOROTHY BRENNER FRANCIS

Just A Little Worse

"I wouldn't worry too much if your son makes mud pies," the psychiatrist consoled the woman. "And the fact that he sometimes tries to eat them is also quite normal."

"Well, I don't think so," rasped the woman, "and his wife doesn't either."

— HAROLD HELFER

Timely Purchase

*The chair that we purchased
Is colored light brown.
The cushion's foam rubber;
The payment is down.*

— HARRY LAZARUS

On Cooling Soup

*When I've blown it and I've stirred it,
And the heat still won't abate,
I've a method that's absurd it
Is so simple—I just wait.*

— RICHARD ARMOUR

Higher Education

Carrying on a classroom flirtation is a case of putting the heart before the course.

— GEORGE HART

Medical Core

*If an apple a day
Keeps the doctor away,
It's news to this doubting old cynic;
For the doctor today
Seldom comes, anyway—
You have to go down to his clinic.*

— ARTHUR WILD



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